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CHANGES TO NZQA QUALIFICATIONS RECOGNITION SERVICES

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) introduced an updated suite of products, a new fee structure, and a new online application portal for the recognition of overseas qualifications on 10 February 2020. These changes are the result of extensive research and consultation, and are designed to better meet the needs of applicants and end users.

A detailed summary of the changes is available [on NZQA's website](#). Please note that:

- **The International Qualifications Assessment (IQA) is changing:** an IQA will include one qualification, and specific add-on options will be available for those who intend to teach in New Zealand or require an assessment against skill shortage list requirements.
- **The Pre-Assessment Result (PAR) will no longer be available:** existing PARs will continue to be valid for one year from the time of completion. Immigration New Zealand will continue to accept PARs to support Skilled Migrant Category Expressions of Interest for another year.
- **The format of NZQA's reports remains the same:** the IQA Recognition Statement will remain the same. You will be able to verify the authenticity of NZQA reports [through NZQA's website](#).

Please go to [NZQA's website](#) to find out more about the changes. If you have any questions, please send an email to grs@nzqa.govt.nz.