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Dear John,

I refer to your official information request received by Education New Zealand (ENZ) on 2 September 2019. This response relates to your request, as follows:

I understand the Education agent programme (recognised) has been open now.
<https://enz.govt.nz/support/agent-engagement/enz-recognised-agent/>

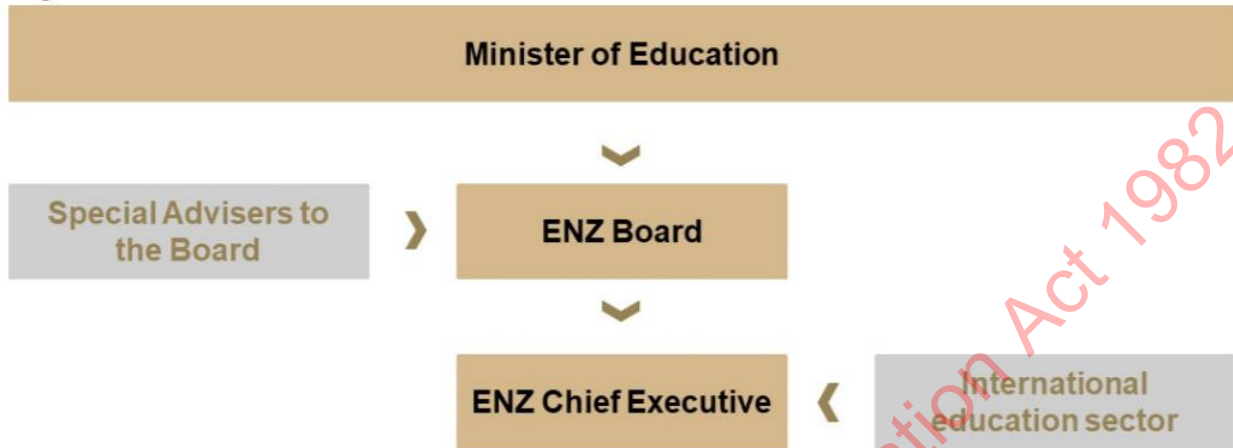
I would like to know if the agency has any professional governance body set up to regulate the recognised education agent, e.g. similar with other professional body, Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board. If not, can you please let me know if this topic has been discuss and please forward me any relevant discussion papers and memos related to this. Further, if either has happen in the past, can you please submit this as a public submission for the ENZ's board to discuss in their next meeting under relevant agenda?

In order to provide you with further context in terms of the information you have requested, please note that the Education New Zealand Recognised Agency (ENZRA) programme is not a regulatory programme or professional association but is a recognition programme. ENZ's work with agents through the ENZRA programme is focused on providing intelligence, training and marketing information to education agents at the top end of the quality scale. Information on the ENZRA programme can be found on the 'Agent Engagement' section of ENZ's website at <https://enz.govt.nz/support/agent-engagement/>

The information you have requested is as follows:

- ENZ does not have a professional governance body set up to regulate education agents. nor has this topic been discussed by ENZ, because ENZ does not regulate education agents.
- As a Crown Entity, ENZ has a board appointed by the Minister of Education, which is responsible for the governance of ENZ as a whole. This includes setting the strategic direction for ENZ and monitoring its performance. ENZ regularly engages with stakeholders in the international education sector (as illustrated over the page).

Diagram 1: Governance of ENZ



You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Angela Meredith, Accountability Manager on 04 913 9597 or angela.meredith@enz.govt.nz

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Yours sincerely,



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