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The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) is pleased to announce that the Chinese Ministry of Education will be adding nine New Zealand education providers to its website of international places of study.

The Jiaoyu Shewai Jianguan Xinxiwang (JSJ) Study Abroad website is maintained by the Chinese Ministry of Education and lists high quality education providers outside of China. Chinese students who are considering studying for tertiary qualifications in other countries often use the website to decide where to study.

The list of New Zealand education providers on the JSJ Study Abroad website currently includes all eight New Zealand universities, 17 of the 18 institutes of technology and polytechnics, and six Private Training Establishments (PTEs).

More than 25,000 international students from China studied in New Zealand last year.

The announcement of the extension of the list of New Zealand PTEs on the website is a boost for New Zealand's international education industry, and the culmination of four years of negotiation between NZQA with the support of Education New Zealand, and the Chinese Ministry of Education.

The announcement came as part of the events surrounding the 8th New Zealand-China Joint Working Group on Education and Training, held in Wellington yesterday. Chinese Vice Minister of Education Dr Hao Ping informed the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment, Hon Steven Joyce of the decision when they met prior to the Joint Working Group meeting.

The nine education providers that will be added to the JSJ Study Abroad website are:

- Media Design School
- New Zealand College of Chinese Medicine Limited
- New Zealand School of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine
- New Zealand Tertiary College Limited
- SAE Institute
- South Pacific College of Natural Medicine
- The New Zealand College of Massage Limited
- UUNZ Institute of Business Limited
- Wellpark College of Natural Therapies Limited

All the education providers that will be added to the website meet criteria that have been agreed between the Chinese Ministry of Education and NZQA.

Throughout negotiations NZQA has advocated for the adoption of a criteria-based approach for the listing of further New Zealand PTEs. The rationale behind this approach is to allow for a regular review process, ensuring that PTEs on the list continue to meet criteria expected by the Chinese Ministry of Education, and allowing additional PTEs to be added to the list as they meet the criteria.

The announcement of the addition of nine further high-quality PTEs is a positive step, and NZQA will continue to negotiate with the Chinese Ministry of Education on the use of the criteria as the basis for regular review and updates to the JSJ Study Aboard website list.

The Chinese Ministry of Education will only accept education providers who meet the following criteria. Education providers must:

- be signatories to the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students
- have achieved ratings of at least *Confident* for both educational performance and capability in self-assessment in their most recent NZQA external evaluation and review report (Category 1 and 2 providers)
- offer degrees (at Level 7 or above of the New Zealand Qualifications Framework)
- not be specialist English language schools
- not be distance learning schools
- not deliver religious programmes.

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