

Cycle 6 Academic Audit

Updated timeframe

Cycle 6 Academic Audit panel visits were to start in 2021. Due to COVID-19 the Academic Quality Agency and Vice-Chancellors agreed to defer the audit cycle for one year.

An overview of the new timeline is as follows:

Audit Cycle 6	
Jan/Feb 2021	Audit Working Groups established
Feb – September 2021	Audit self-review evidence gathering and portfolio drafting
September – November 2021	Consultation and sign-off on self-review portfolio
March 2022	Submission of self-review document
Late June / early July 2022	Audit Panel site visit (exact dates tbc)
October 2022	Audit report received by University

Overview of Academic Audit

This is the sixth cycle of Academic Audit conducted by the Academic Quality Agency for New Zealand Universities which is responsible for external quality review of New Zealand universities. Cycle 6 is a whole-of-institution audit examining teaching, learning, support and outcomes for students. The University of Auckland will be the first institution to be audited in Cycle 6.

The Framework for Cycle 6 Audit covers the following areas:

- Leadership and management of teaching and learning and academic quality
- Student life-cycle, support and well-being
- Curriculum, assessment and delivery
- Teaching quality
- Supervision of PG research students.

Academic Audit is 'enhancement-led' which means the process builds on previous cycles and has a focus on continuous improvement. In Cycle 6 an 'Enhancement Theme' component has been adopted where the universities are engaged (separately) in work on a common theme important to the sector. In Cycle 6 the Enhancement Theme is 'Access, outcomes and opportunities for Maori students and for Pasifika students'. The University's progress against Enhancement Theme objectives will be assessed during Cycle 6 Audit.

An external review panel with national and international membership will visit the University in 2022 and the resulting public report will contain recommendations, commendations, and affirmations of the enhancement initiatives made by the University. The University is expected to report on the implementation of its self-identified enhancement initiatives and the recommendations made by the Audit panel.

Preparing for Audit

Throughout 2021 the University will undertake a self-review exercise, managed by the Academic Quality Office, supported by Working Groups and overseen by an Academic Audit Steering Group. A self-review portfolio will be developed, addressing the 30 Audit guideline statements.

The Working Groups have members from across faculties and service divisions, and student representatives, and will report on progress to the Steering Group. The Working Groups will meet from February.

- WG 1 - Leadership and Management of Teaching and Learning and Ac Quality; critic and conscience
- WG 2- Enhancement theme initiatives and activities; University obligations under Te Tiriti
- WG 3 - Student life-cycle, support and wellbeing
- WG 4 - Curriculum, assessment and delivery; interdependence of research and teaching
- WG 5 - Teaching Quality; interdependence of research and teaching
- WG 6 - Supervision of PG research students

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Working Group 2- Enhancement theme initiatives and activities

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