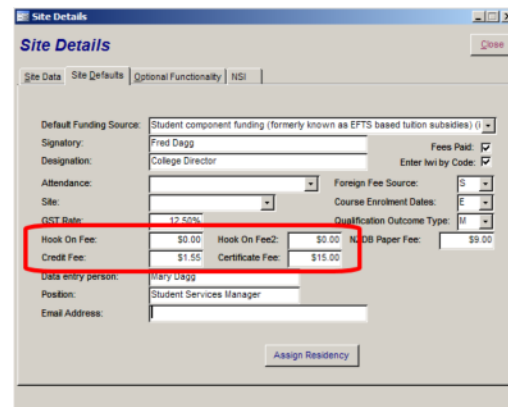
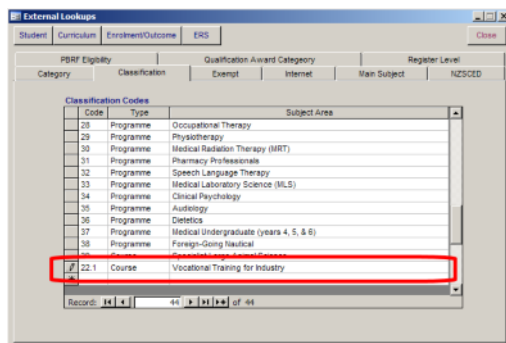


Classification Codes

You may have received a letter from TEC dated 26 November announcing a new Classification Code for Vocational Training. The code (22.1 – Vocational Training for Industry) can be entered on the *External Lookups* form. Click *Curriculum*, select the *Classification* tab. Scroll to the bottom of the list and add the new record.



Christmas and Stuff

The Meta Office Help Desk will be closed from 11.30 am on Friday 19 December whilst we have our Christmas party. This is an opportunity for the support staff to have lunch with the programmers and then roundly thrash them at pool.

Normal Help Desk hours will apply from 22 to 24 December inclusive and from 7 January. We are closed on Public Holidays but between 29 December and 4 January you can leave a message on the Help Desk answerphone and we will get back to you within 24 hours.

Meta Office wishes all our clients – and other readers – a Happy Christmas and a restful holiday. This time of year gives us an opportunity to wind down and perhaps reflect on what is going to happen next year but, on the other hand, that might well spoil your holidays!



NZQA Charges

You should have received a Circular from NZQA recently confirming that their fee structure is to change. All batches submitted after 5pm on 23 December 2008 will be processed at the new rates. The new per credit rate is \$1.55 (up from \$1.00) and the Hook-On fee is removed. In practical terms, and because the change in fees is being managed without a change to the file format used to report to NZQA, you should think of the Hook-On fee being set to \$0.

So, you need to open the *Site Details* form in the Administration Module (*System Management*) and then enter the new fee values on the *Site Defaults* tab as shown in the screenshot below.

Take2 version 9.8.1 has a small change on the summary report produced when you process an NZQA batch. The change allows fee values to be shown with dollars and cents whereas previously only whole dollars were shown. If you opt to stay with your current version of Take2 you will notice that fee values are rounded to the nearest dollar on the summary, but this does not affect the actual return to NZQA.

A Christmas Puzzle

You will no doubt be aware that the method used to summarise the ethnicity of students has changed over the last few years. This change coincided with the change from two to three digit ethnic origin codes.

We have watched with bemusement as TEC has wrestled with these changes, using first one method, and then another. Using new codes and old, and all the while obfuscating merrily with comments such as “*The methodology for calculating ethnic rates (i.e., reported instances of an ethnicity/the total number of reported ethnicity) was not appropriate; the calculation should be the total reported instances of an ethnicity over the total number of students*” when they discovered that they have got it wrong.

So, here’s the puzzle. Your organisation has enrolled ten students and each student was given the opportunity to declare up to three ethnic origins on their enrolment form. The table below shows the data supplied by the students. Note, not all students declared three ethnicities.

<i>Student</i>	<i>Ethnicity 1</i>	<i>Ethnicity 2</i>	<i>Ethnicity 3</i>
Anderson	New Zealand Māori (211)	NZ European/Pakeha (111)	Dutch (122)
Braun	NZ European/Pakeha (111)	German (127)	Fijian (361)
Cardno	South Slav (125)	New Zealand Māori (211)	
Davies	Australian (128)		
Eruera	New Zealand Māori (211)	Tokelauen (351)	
Fiso	Niuean (341)	Samoan (311)	NZ European/Pakeha (111)
George	NZ European/Pakeha (111)		
Heng	Chinese (421)	New Zealand Māori (211)	Cambodian (412)
Ioane	Tongan (331)		
Jun	Korean (443)		

You now have to work out the percentage of Pasifika enrolments that TEC would expect you to report. Bear in mind that TEC uses 6 ethnic groupings that are determined as shown in the table below.

<i>Grouping</i>	<i>Codes</i>
European	111, 121-129
Māori	211
Pasifika	311, 321, 331, 341, 351, 361, 371
Asian	411-414, 421, 431, 441-444
Other	511-611
No response/not stated	999

So far so good?

Now answer the question. You can select one of the options provided in the list below, or enter you own value.

<i>Select an option (A to D) or enter a value (E) that represents the percentage of Pasifika enrolments that TEC would expect you to report</i>	
Option	
A	25%
B	30%
C	40%
D	I have no idea
E	I have worked it out myself and it is%

Please email your answer to helpdesk@meta-office.com with the subject line “Christmas Puzzle”.