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Submission Regarding the Proposed Changes to the Essential Skills Visa

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I submit this as the Director of Real World Education Ltd. We are a Category 1 (NZQA's best rating) Private Training Establishment that specialises in preparing people to start or advance laboratory careers. Given the skills of, and demands for, our graduates, I suspect they will have far less trouble than many meeting the wage requirements in the new proposed rules.

We do have one important implementation detail to suggest for these changes and the similar requirements in the residence visa changes. We recommend some form of local rather than NZ-wide wage referencing. Without that, these changes will have the perverse effect of encouraging migrants to settle in regions with high costs of living and higher wages. The changes would punish migrants for settling in provincial areas, even though there seems to be fairly wide agreement that that should be encouraged.

We do hope the implementation will be done in a way that encourages, or at least does not discourage, settling outside of places like Auckland.

Respectfully submitted,

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