

# Accreditation Employer Interim Reporting - Definitions and Caveats

A Dynamics 365 dashboard has been created within the ADEPT system to display the current state of all Employer Accreditation (EA) applications and Accredited Employer Risk Monitoring and Review (AERMR) activity. Pages 2 and 4 provide a current snapshot of the dashboard. Page 3 provides a snapshot of all active investigations by INZ Investigations.

If you would like to request direct access to this live dashboard please contact [Maintenance of the law](#)

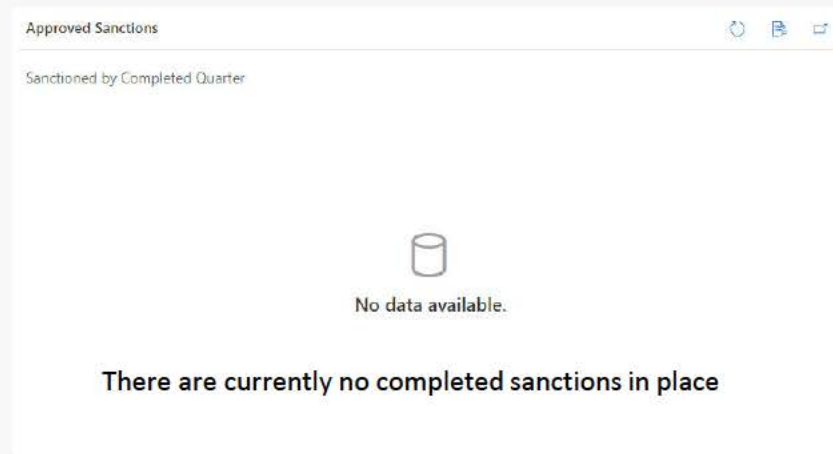
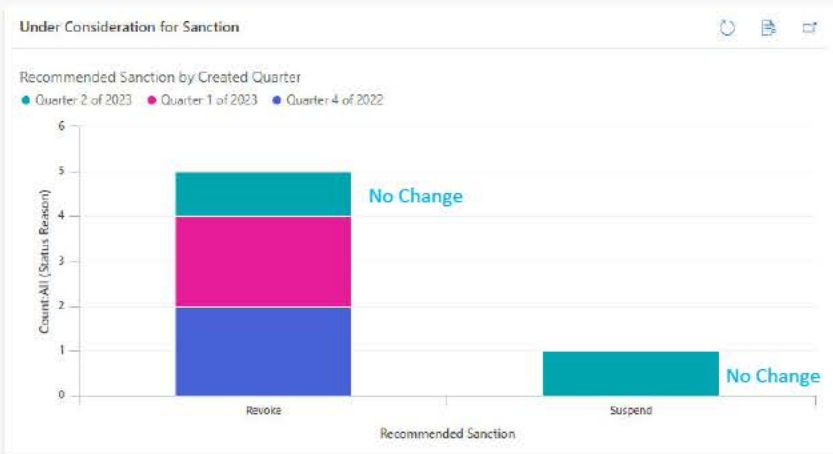
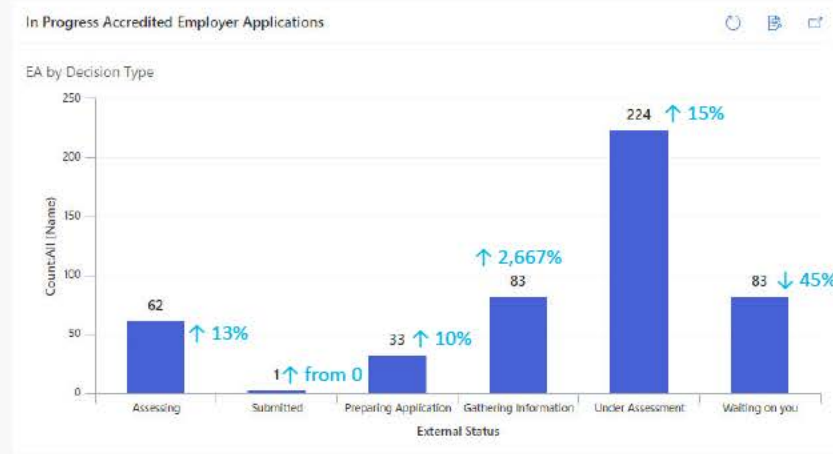
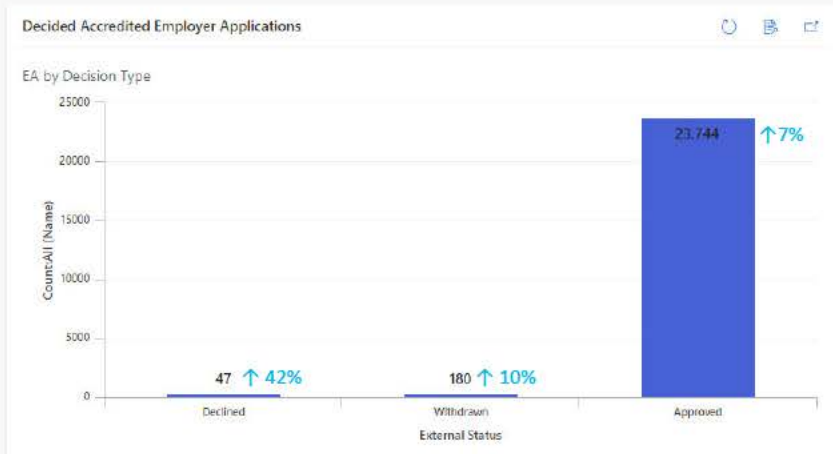
Please note that formatting, colour schemes and the way the data is displayed will be enhanced and more consistent in a finalised report produced by Performance and Reporting / Insights in Power BI.

Category/Term used	Definition
Declined	INZ has completed the application and the application is declined
Withdrawn	INZ has completed the application and the application is withdrawn
Approved	INZ has completed the application and the application is approved
Assessing	INZ is currently assessing the application
Submitted	Application is submitted
Preparing Application	INZ has accepted the application and is determining what additional information may be required
Gathering Information	INZ is gathering the necessary information from other systems (e.g. health information)
Waiting on you	Applicant must provide further information
Under Assessment	INZ has gathered all necessary information and is assessing the information on hand
Withdrawal Requested	Applicant has requested a withdrawal
Assigned	The task has been assigned to a Verification Officer
Unassigned	The task has not yet been assigned to a Verification Officer
In progress	A Verification Officer is actively working on the task
On Hold	The task is not currently being worked on

## Data Caveats:

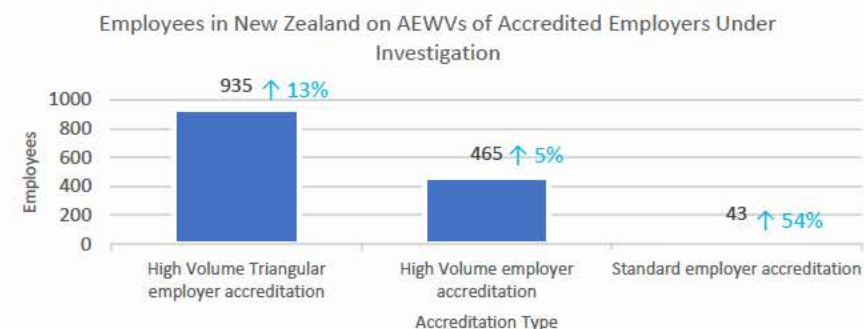
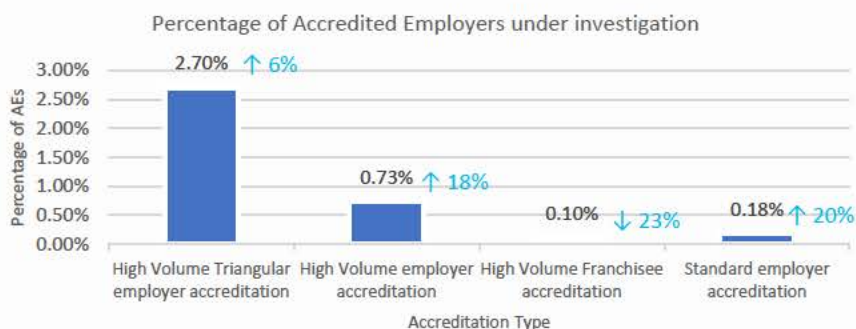
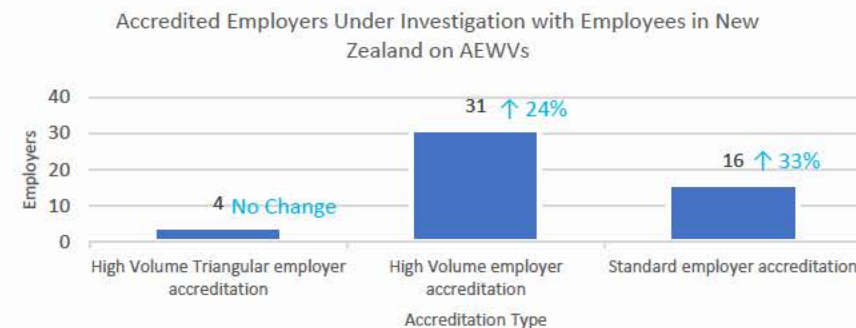
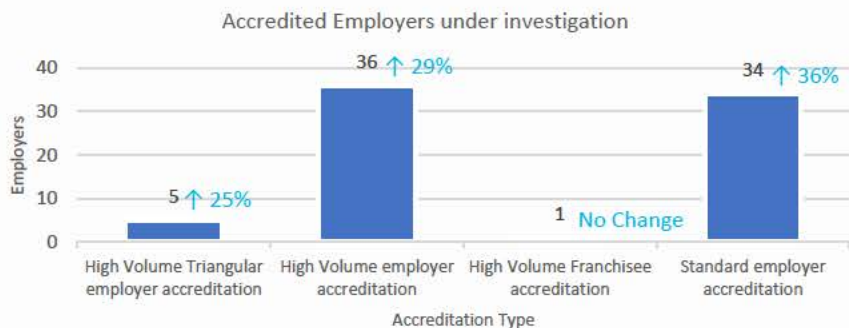
- Employer Accreditation data is sourced directly from ADEPT and reflects current live state when last refreshed. The data may therefore vary slightly compared to reporting data sourced from the Data Warehouse. Applications with an “inactive” status have been excluded from the presented data.
- “Approved Employer Sanction” includes Employer Accreditations that, following assessment by BVO, have been either revoked or suspended.
- Arrows and percentages reflect increases or decreases from the 26 April 2023 report.

# Employer Accreditation Applications Snapshot – May 2022 to 19 May 2023



- Although the percentage change in declined accreditation applications appears significant, it reflects change in a small sample size. Monitoring change over a longer period is more likely to provide actionable insights in decline trends.
- Although there is no change in the recommended or completed sanction graphs, the first revocation decision will be made within the next week.
- The disproportionate increase in the Gathering Information outcome is a result of a small initial sample size, and should not be read as an indicator of change.

# Accredited Employers under Investigation – May 2022 to 19 May 2023



Accredited Employers under investigation, and those with employees in NZ on Accredited Employer Work Visas, saw slight increases across all accreditation types since the 20 April 2023 report.

The percentage of Accredited Employers under investigation saw slight increases across all accreditation types except High Volume Franchisee accreditation since 20 April 2023; this is a result of the total of High Volume Franchisee Accredited Employers remaining 1 while the number of Accredited Employers for this accreditation type increased by 182.

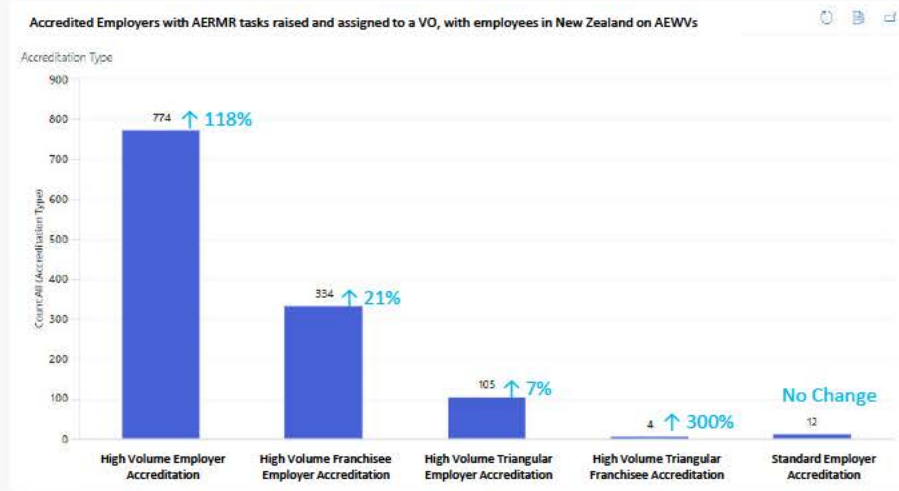
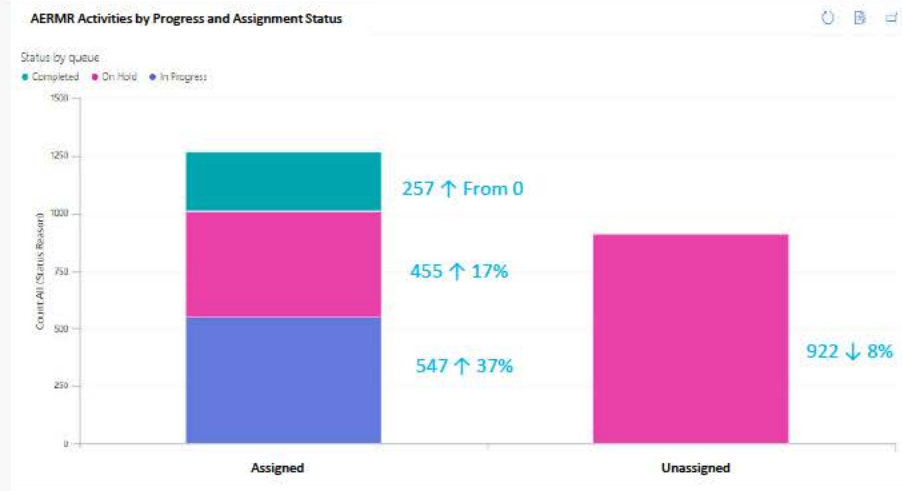
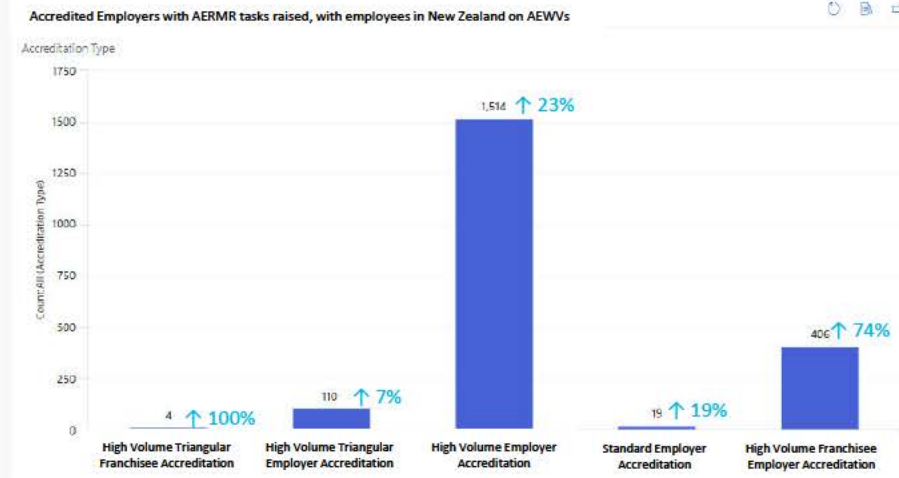
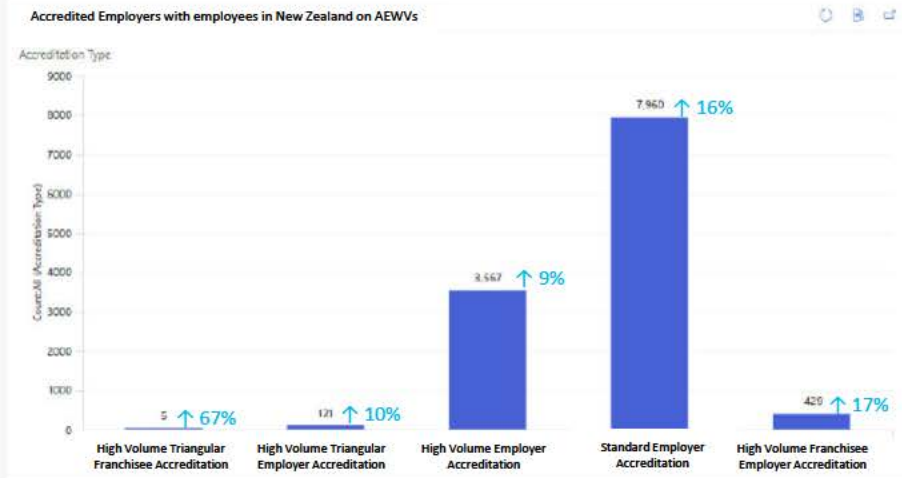
The bulk of the increase in Employees in NZ on AEWVs for Accredited Employers under investigation since 20 April 2023 is as a result of an investigation into one employer, which saw employees of High Volume Triangular Accredited Employers increase by 108. Allocation and Support indicate that the increase in referrals to Investigations have predominantly come from the Migrant Exploitation Prevention Process team. Employees in New Zealand of High Volume and Standard Accredited Employers increased by 23 and 15 respectively over this period.

#### Data Caveats:

- Investigations data is sourced from TIKA and only reflects active investigations held by INZ Investigations. No data on investigations by INZ Compliance or other branches is included. TIKA data is reliant on manual entry; it is possible that errors have occurred, and/or that investigations have mistakenly been recorded as active. Analysis is based on available data. The existence of an investigation does not necessarily imply migrant exploitation.
- “Under investigation” includes Employer Accreditations actively being assessed by BVO under Immigration Instruction WA2.55(e) for either suspension or revocation where a “Recommended Employer Sanction” task has been raised within the ADEPT Employer Accreditation application. INZ Investigations data based on a TIKA case number beginning “IF”. Some TIKA data is under an Operation name only or does not include a New Zealand Business Number (“NZBN”); where an employer name is recorded with no NZBN the data has been matched to Accredited Employers by manually checking the business name shown in TIKA. Some active investigations into employers were commenced before the start of AEWV, and not all of the investigations shown above are investigations into the accreditation process.



# Accredited Employer Risk Monitoring & Review – May 2022 to 19 May 2023



The total number of Accredited employers with employees in NZ has increased by 14 per cent since 20 April 2023; the ratio of accreditation types remains similar. The total of AERMR activities increased by 29 per cent since 20 April 2022; the majority of this increase was the result of an increased number of High Volume Franchisee employer AERMR tasks being generated and referred to R&V. There are currently 257 completed AERMR activities, all of which have resulted in no concerns. This is not an indication of an overarching lack of concerns; it is a result of the low-concern activities being faster to complete. Focus is now being placed on readiness for information requests. Phone training will be completed with VOs this month alongside finalisation of AERMR employer response templates and guides to ensure consistency of communication with employers. These are the final activities planned prior to external information requests commencing. 15 percent of all employers (accredited in the first year) will be looked at post decision via the AERMR in the first 12 months. 100 percent of Franchisee and Triangular employers will be checked alongside a sample of accredited employers across the spectrum of accreditation types. Future reporting will include tracking of AERMR tasks against these targets.