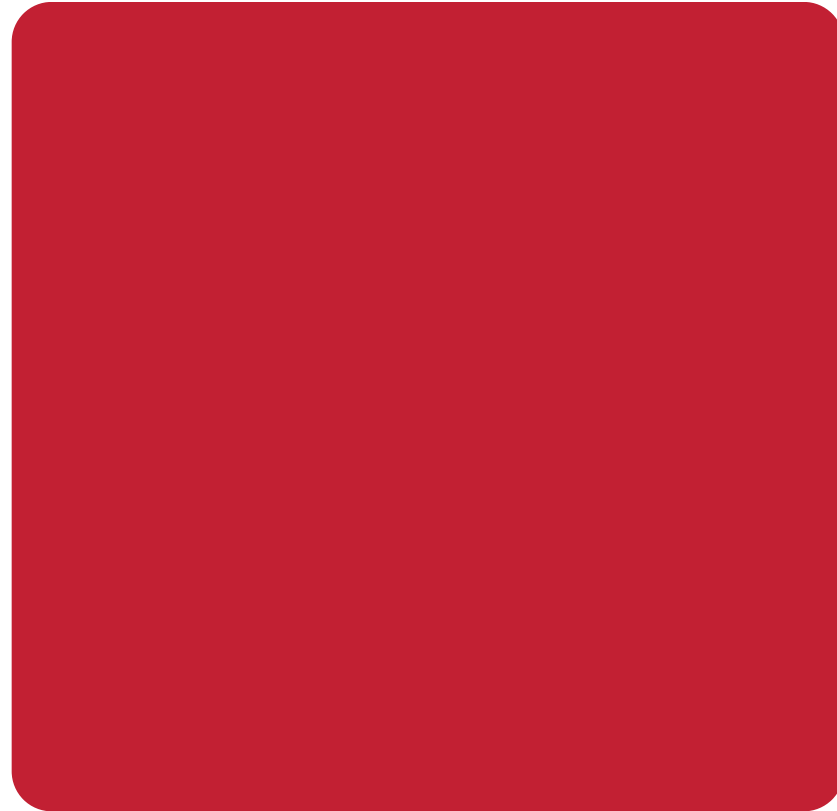


NZQA Quality Assurance

Integrated Self- Assessment Framework (iSAF)

For New Zealand Tertiary Education
Organisations
Aligned to NZQA iQAF 2026



Purpose & Context of iSAF

The Integrated Self-Assessment Framework supports all Tertiary Education Organisations including universities, wānanga, ITPs, and PTEs. Aligned with NZQA's iQAF 2026, it promotes consistent quality and compliance while emphasizing self-assessment as the core driver of continuous improvement.



iSAF Framework: Four Levers and Three Enablers

The integrated components driving quality assurance:

Approve, Self-Review,
Monitor, Assure

Risk-Informed Approach

Data & Insights,
Collaborative
Relationships



The Six Integrated Evidence Folders

The iSAF framework organises evidence into six integrated folders: Entry & Ongoing Registration, Programme Approval & Accreditation, Monitoring & Assessment, Quality Verification & NZQA Engagement, Learner Wellbeing & Code of Practice, and Thematic Reviews & System Assurance.

Folder 1 – Entry & Ongoing Registration

This foundational folder captures evidence of organisational readiness and ongoing compliance. Key focus areas include governance structures and responsibilities, financial viability assessments, strategic planning and quality assurance systems, and staff competence and capability.



Folder 2 – Programme Approval & Accreditation

This folder captures evidence of robust programme design, governance structures, assessment frameworks, and stakeholder engagement. It includes benchmarking against sector standards and documentation of approval processes.



Folder 3 – Monitoring & Assessment

This folder captures ongoing monitoring processes after programme approval, including programme review and moderation processes, learner progression and achievement data, continuous improvement activities, and stakeholder feedback mechanisms.



Folder 4 – Quality Verification & NZQA Engagement

This folder documents quality verification processes and NZQA interactions, including self-review reports and quality assurance outcomes, risk-informed monitoring activities, thematic reviews conducted, and regulatory compliance with system assurance.



Folder 5 – Learner Wellbeing & Code of Practice

This folder captures evidence of institutional commitment to learner wellbeing, provision of information and support services, wellbeing systems and processes, and student voice initiatives. Evidence includes wellbeing policies and feedback surveys.



Folder 6 – Thematic Reviews & System Assurance

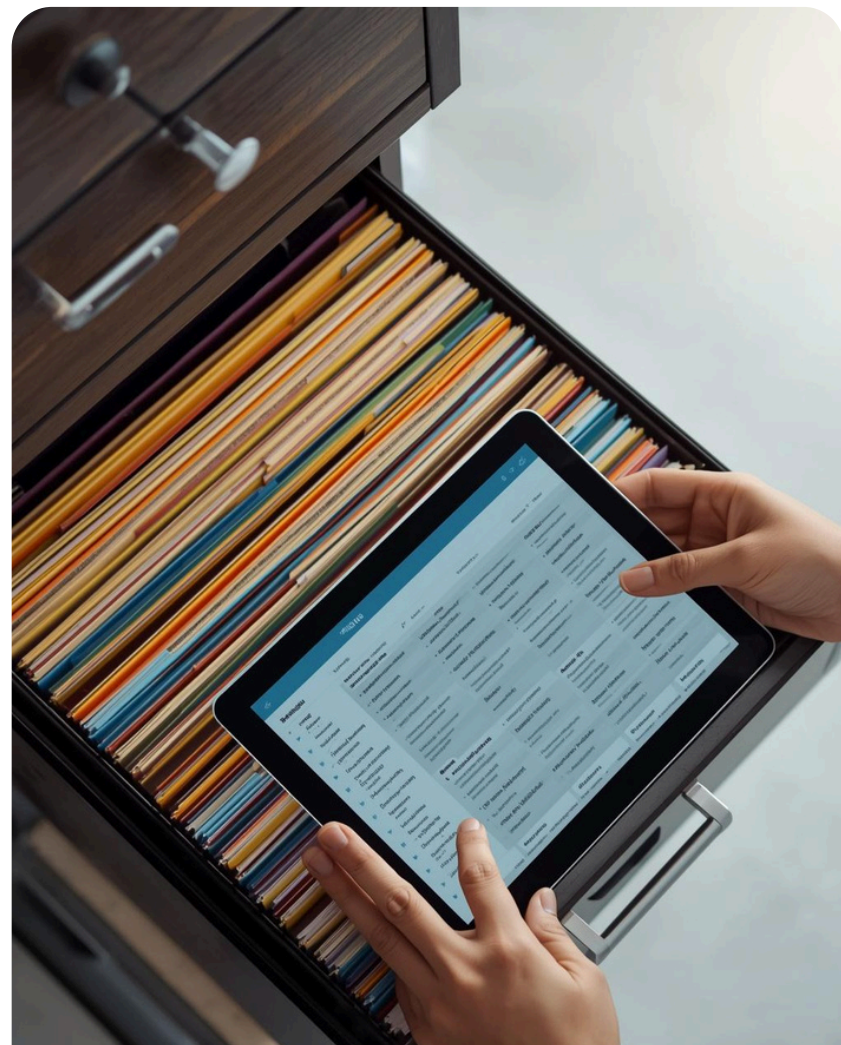
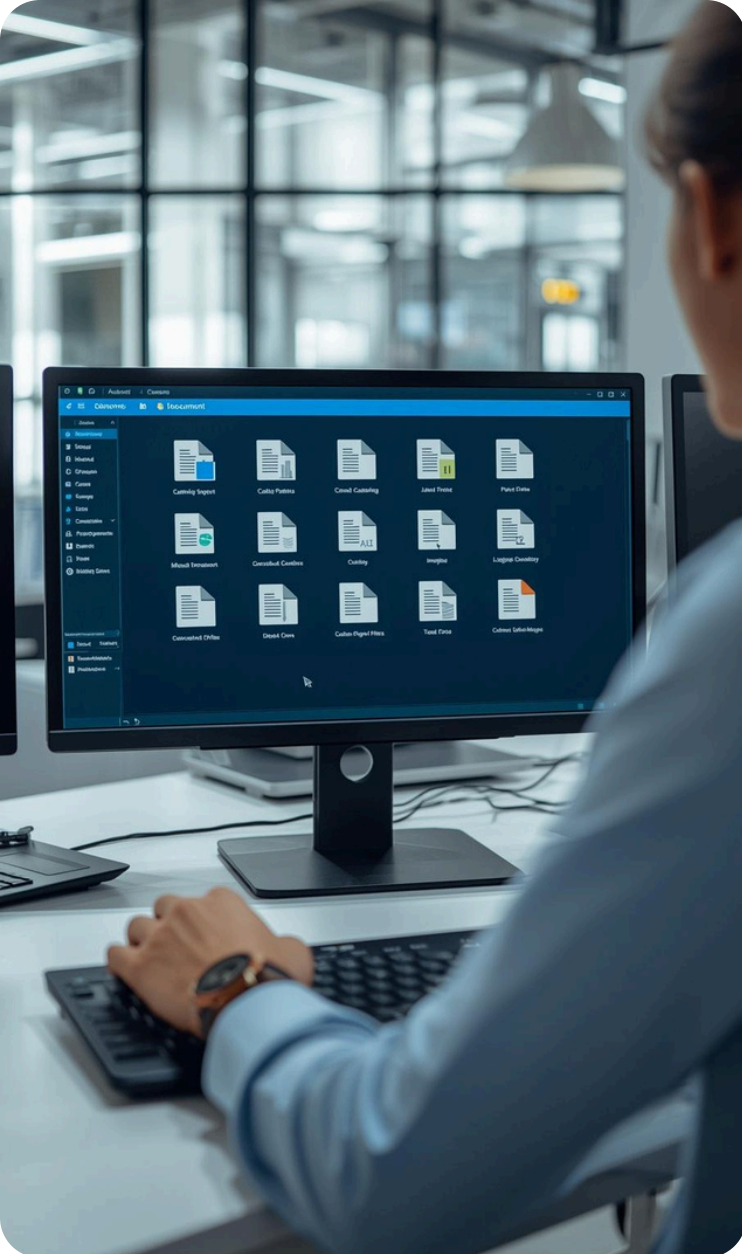
This folder captures evidence of participation in thematic reviews, theme identification and evidence collection, governance oversight responsibilities, continuous improvement based on reviews, and external engagement and collaboration.



Seven Key Themes for Thematic Reviews

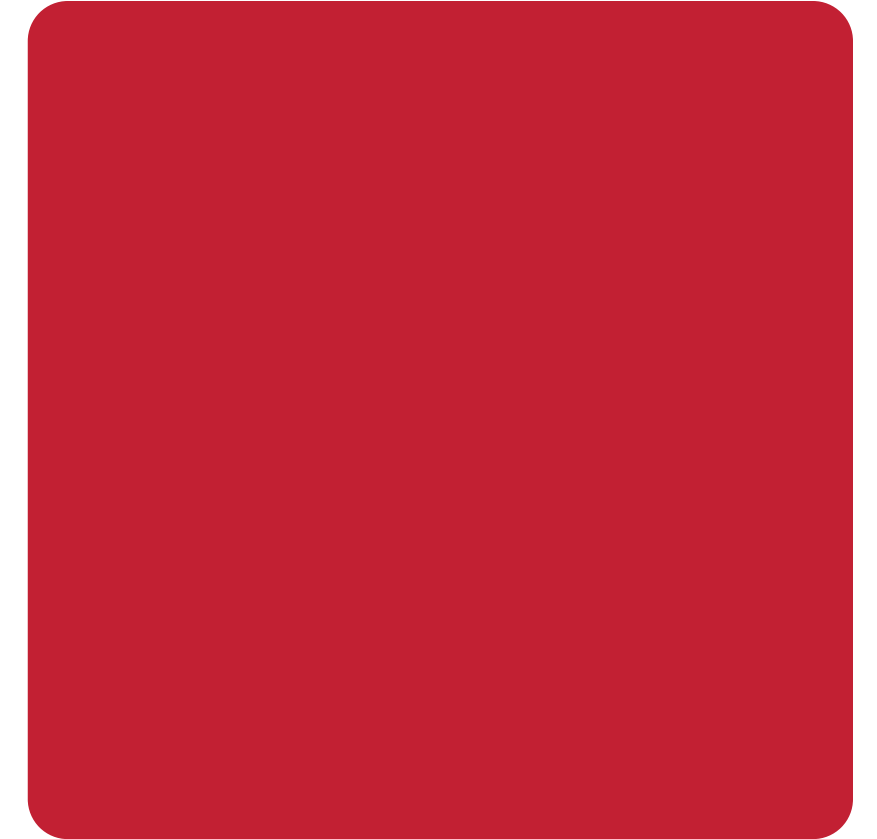
1. Governance and Management
2. Learner Achievement and Outcomes
3. Educational Performance
4. Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Māori-Crown Relationship
5. Pacific Learner Success
6. Use of Data and Continuous Improvement
7. Compliance with Regulatory Requirements





Evidence Repository System

The centralised evidence repository contains *required and supporting documents, AI audit reports and validation register*. This system ensures easy access and audit readiness while supporting consistent quality assurance documentation across the organisation.



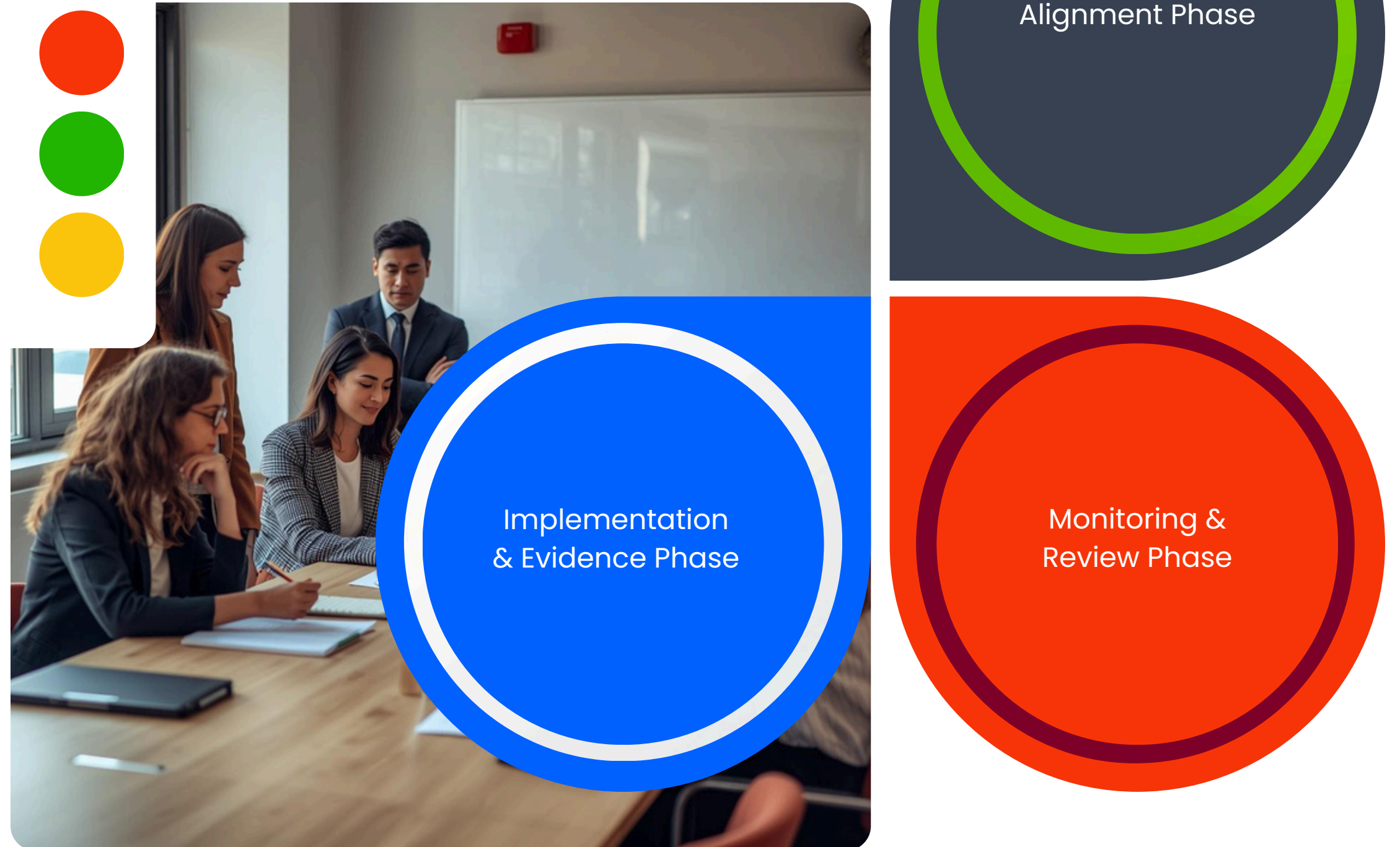
Governance Structure Overview

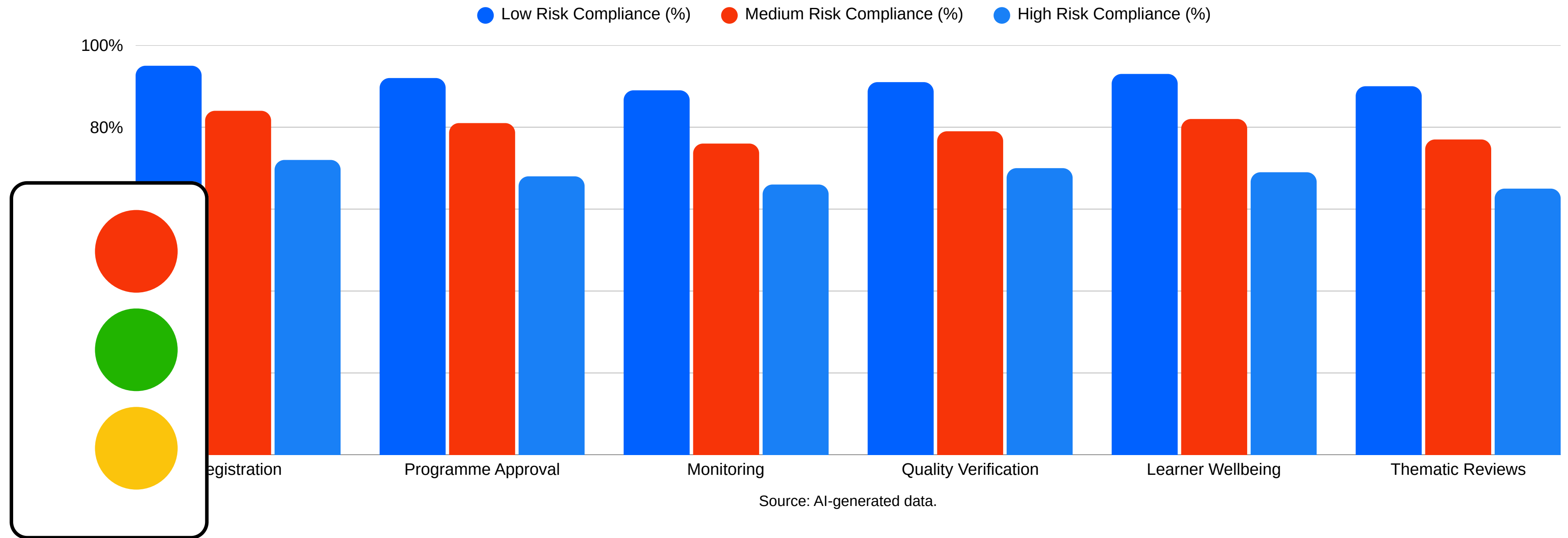
Clear governance roles and responsibilities support effective iSAF implementation. Quality assurance cycles align with NZQA expectations for accountability.



Quality Assurance Cycles

The cyclical approach to quality assurance:





Risk & Compliance Dashboard

The Validation dashboard serves as a visual monitoring tool highlighting key risk indicators and compliance status across all evidence folders. It supports risk-informed decision making by providing TEOs with real-time insights into quality assurance performance.

PRP Quality Platform: Digital Assurance Environment



The PRP Quality Platform serves as the central hub for evidence management, workflows, and reporting. It facilitates collaboration and transparency across all stakeholders while remaining secure and accessible for TEO staff and NZQA.

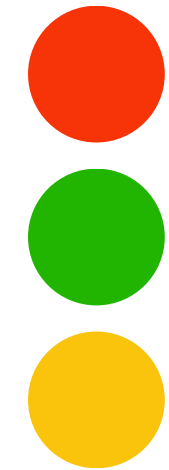
Summary of iSAF Benefits

Implementing iSAF delivers streamlined quality assurance processes, enhanced transparency and accountability, data-driven continuous improvement, and stronger collaboration between TEOs and NZQA.



Next Steps & Contact

Steps to Adopt iSAF: Review framework, assess current systems, begin evidence collection
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Questions and Discussion

Thank you for your attention. We welcome your questions and feedback on implementing the iSAF framework within your organisation.

