



# LGNZ Micro-credentials

LGNZ, in partnership with Victoria University of Wellington, is offering New Zealand's only NZQA-accredited qualification pathway designed specifically for local government elected members.

The programme recognises the unique knowledge and skills needed for effective governance and provides a formal tertiary pathway that fits alongside the responsibilities of elected office.

## What are micro-credentials?

Micro-credentials are short, accredited learning programmes that recognise specific skills and knowledge. They are formally assessed and sit on the New Zealand Qualifications and Credentials Framework (NZQCF).

Designed for busy elected members, these practice-based qualifications allow you to demonstrate your learning through evidence from your governance role. All micro-credentials are quality assured by Victoria University of Wellington and meet recognised tertiary standards.

No previous university study is required, making them an accessible pathway into tertiary education.

## Starting in September

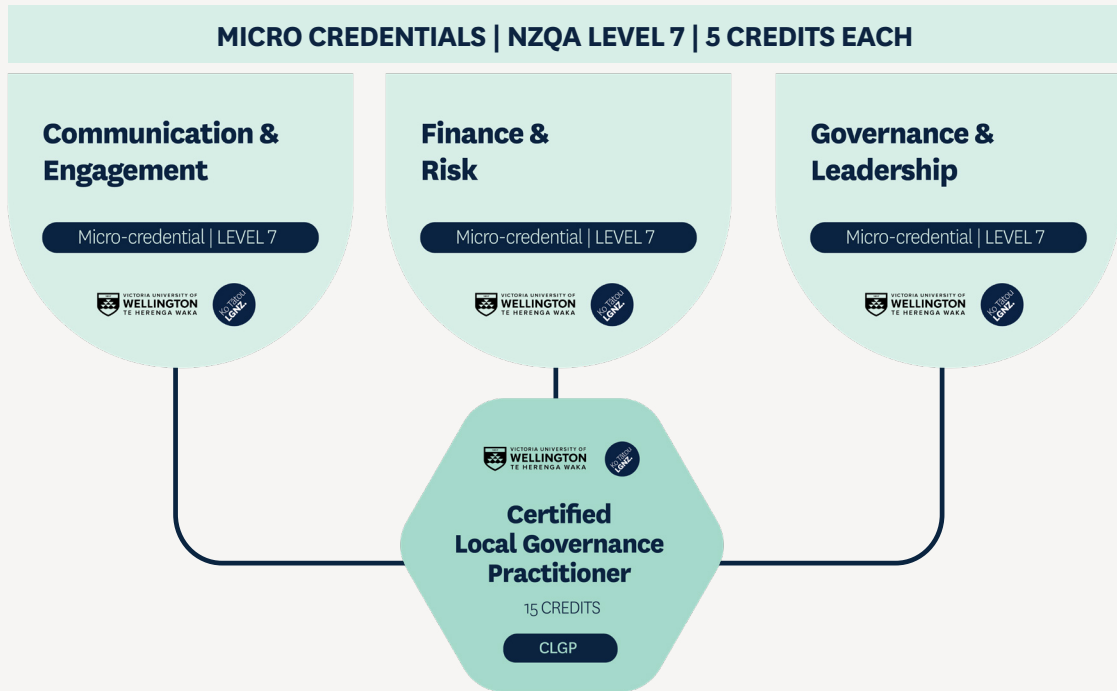
[Register for Governance and Leadership Practitioner](#)

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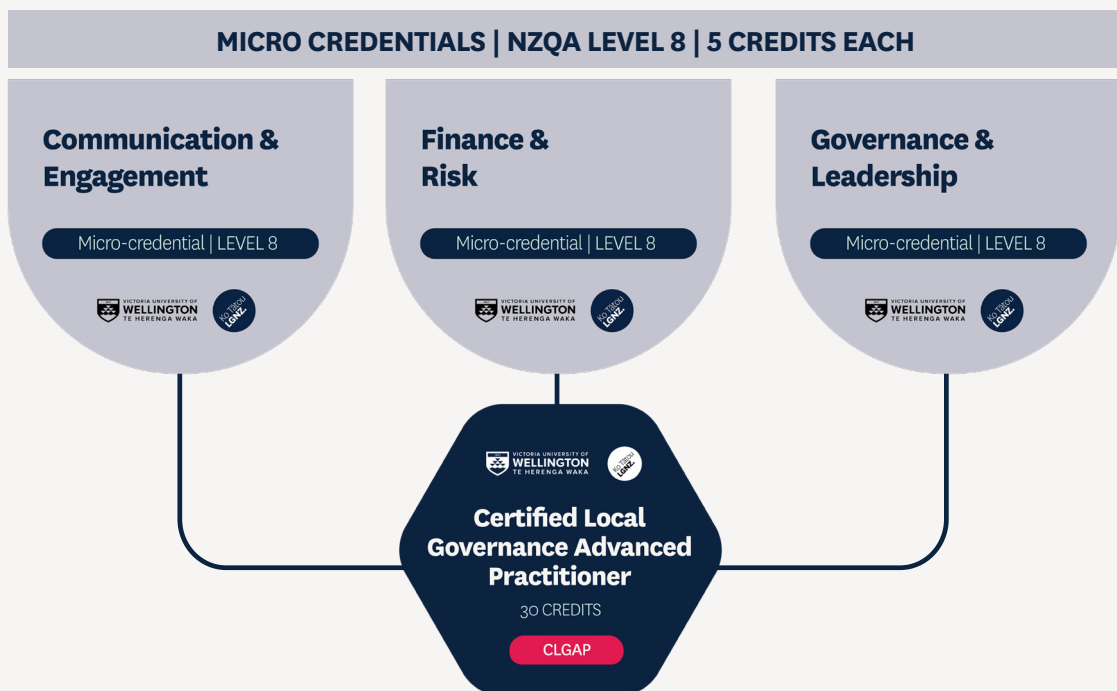
Each micro-credential is delivered over 18 weeks. Level 7 micro-credentials must be completed before progressing to Level 8.

| Micro-credential           | NZQA level | Credits | Duration | Available      |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|----------|----------------|
| Governance & Leadership    | Level 7    | 5       | 18 weeks | September 2026 |
| Finance & Risk             | Level 7    | 5       | 18 weeks | September 2026 |
| Communication & Engagement | Level 7    | 5       | 18 weeks | 2027           |
| Governance & Leadership    | Level 8    | 5       | 18 weeks | 2027           |
| Finance & Risk             | Level 8    | 5       | 18 weeks | 2027           |
| Communication & Engagement | Level 8    | 5       | 18 weeks | 2027           |

# Learning Pathway



*Level 7 micro-credentials are a pre-requisite for the Level 8 micro-credentials.*



## Credits transfer towards

[Post-Graduate Certificate in Public Management](#)  
[Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Management](#)

[Post-Graduate Certificate in Public Policy](#)  
[Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Policy](#)  
[Masters in Public Policy](#)

[Post-Graduate Certificate in Professional Studies](#)  
[Masters in Public Management](#)

*Further programmes and qualifications may be viable for credit transfer for our micro-credential programme once approved.*