

New registration and certification policy

In 2015 an interim registration and certification policy was put in place to reflect changes made to the Education Act 1989 that allowed for the establishment of the Education Council (now the Teaching Council). At this time, the Council indicated the policy would be reviewed to ensure that it was fit for purpose.

The policy review began in 2017 following the launch of *Our Code Our Standards Ngā Tikanga Matatika, Ngā Paerewa*, recognising that the *Code and Standards* are the foundation for registration and certification.

When the Council engaged with the profession for the policy review, the clear message to us was the registration and certification policy must:

- Be easy to understand and follow.
- Enable a faster turnaround for applications.
- Maintain a high-bar for entry into the profession with ongoing professional learning and development.
- Promote our commitment to the *Code and Standards*, and place more emphasis and expectation on te reo me ngā tikanga Māori.
- Be flexible so we can get quality teachers in front of our learners.
- Reflect the high trust we have in our teachers and professional leaders.

The new policy:

- Places greater reliance on the endorsement of professional leaders, and less on time-based rules.
- Reflects the profession's views on registration, for example new certificate names.
- Commits to develop and progress te reo and tikanga Māori.
- Offers more flexibility and discretion – less is prescribed in policy, enabling the Council to consider specific situations and apply discretion.
- Is launched on the new streamlined application system – Hapori Matatū which allows your application to be processed online.

What's not changing?

- To apply for registration, a teacher must hold an approved ITE qualification or equivalent.
- To apply for a practising certificate, you must be a registered teacher.
- The requirements for language competency (English or te reo Māori).
- Applicants must provide satisfactory police vetts (New Zealand or overseas).
- You must be physically and mentally able to carry out a teaching role safely and satisfactorily.
- Complete a two year period of induction and mentoring to move to a Full Practising Certificate.
- Have undertaken satisfactory professional development in the past three years.



What's new?

- Te reo me ngā tikanga Māori – a specific declaration indicating your commitment to developing your skills and knowledge throughout your teaching career. Professional leaders endorsing your application also need to state that this has been upheld.
- Satisfactory recent teaching experience – is now two years of uninterrupted teaching in the last five years.
- A new certificate has been developed for teachers who have not been teaching for the last five years but are wanting to return to teaching and are likely to meet the *Standards*.
- New names for registration, practising certificates and authorities.

Current name	New name
<i>Teacher Registration</i>	<i>Kaiako Whai Rēhitanga/Teacher Registration</i>
<i>Provisional Practising Certificate</i>	<i>Tiwhikete Whakaakoranga Tōmua Provisional Practising Certificate</i>
<i>Full Practising Certificate</i>	<i>Tiwhikete Whakaakoranga Tūturu Full Practising Certificate (Category 1)</i>
<i>Subject to Confirmation Practising Certificate</i>	<i>Tiwhikete Whakaakoranga Pūmau Full Practising Certificate (Category 2)</i>
<i>Limited Authority to Teach</i>	<i>Tūranga Whakaako Whai-herenga Limited Authority to Teach</i>
	<i>New certificate – Return to Teaching in Aotearoa New Zealand</i>

