



Additional Entitlement to Enrol in Certain Circumstances (‘Grandparenting’)

When making an amendment to an enrolment scheme, [s75](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020 provides an option for the Ministry of Education to authorise a transitional provision to enable siblings of current students at the school to enrol as if they are in-zone students, if their usual place of residence becomes out-of-zone as a result of the amendment. To approve this provision, the Ministry must determine that this is in the best interests of the school and local community and that it can be managed within the existing school network.

Certain criteria must be met to be eligible to enrol under this provision if it is approved. You can see if your child may qualify in the flow chart on the next page.

What does this mean for my family/whānau?

- Any learners/ākonga currently enrolled at the school will not be impacted by an amendment.
- If your address becomes out-of-zone due to an amendment, siblings of currently enrolled students residing at your address may have an ‘additional entitlement to enrol’ as in-zone applicants as long as this provision has been approved and certain criteria are met.
- If your address becomes part of a different school’s home zone, children not yet enrolled at a school will be able to attend the school that they will then be in-zone for. Current students are also able to transfer to the school they have become in-zone for.
- An in-zone applicant is automatically entitled to enrol at a state school. An out-of-zone applicant (not covered under these provisions) is not guaranteed a place at the school and will need to apply through the school’s out-of-zone processes if there are places available.
- Children are also entitled to attend any state school that does not operate an enrolment scheme.

What is the difference between ‘pre-enrolment’ and ‘enrolment’?

- **Pre-enrolment** is the period in which applications for enrolment are sought and processed.
- **Enrolment** occurs when attendance at the school actually starts and the student is first marked as present on the school roll.

Enrolment scheme amendments apply to applicants whose enrolment is at or after the commencement date of the amendment. However, the Additional Entitlement to Enrol provision is based on the implementation date of the amendment, **not** the commencement date. Therefore, if this provision is approved, it only applies to siblings of current students who were enrolled and residing within the home zone prior to the implementation date of the amendment. Families of current students moving into a withdrawal area after that point do so in the knowledge of the amended home zone.

Implementation date	This is the date that the school board ‘adopts’ the enrolment scheme at a board meeting. It is after the Ministry has sent the approved scheme to the school. It is before the commencement date, sometimes by several months.
Commencement date	The date an enrolment scheme starts (the “effective” or “start” date). The amended zone applies to enrolments from this date onwards. It is usually at the start of a term or year.

