



# Consultation and Engagement Years 0–10 Draft Curriculum

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**Priority 1:** Establishing a knowledge-rich curriculum grounded in the science of learning

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**Consultation is now open for the Years 0-10 draft NZC curriculum and we welcome your feedback and informed insights through to Friday, 24 April 2026.**

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The journey to strengthen the National Curriculum continues to reach significant milestones with the release of the draft Years 0-10 curriculum content during Term 4, 2025.

The strengthened National Curriculum will be knowledge-rich and sets out the knowledge and practices to be taught to students through responsive teaching and learning programmes. This will provide a foundation for learning that supports equity and excellence for all students.

Consultation is now open, and we welcome your feedback on this content.

Your insights are essential to shaping a curriculum that is clear, structured, evident-based, and grounded in the science of learning.

By drawing on the expertise of teachers, principals, and a wide variety of education professionals, academics, and associations, we aim to enhance student progress and achievement.

Following consultation, the draft content will be finalised, with formal release of the updated curriculum planned for mid-2026.

More information about how to participate in this consultation, including links to online feedback forms can be found [here](#).

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## The years 0-10 draft curriculum

As a sector we have been talking for a number of years about the need for a clearer, more detailed curriculum to support quality teaching and learning, and reduce teacher and kaiako workload.

This change means that schools and kura will not have to create teaching sequences themselves freeing up teachers and kaiako to focus on building teaching and learning programmes that bring the content to life. This will help you to engage your learners and ākonga

through structured and sequenced teaching and learning experiences that develop a love of learning and mastery of the knowledge, skills and competencies they need to be successful life-long learners.

Our work so far has been contributed to by teachers, subject-matter experts, school leaders, and curriculum design experts. It has been shared with sector representative groups for initial feedback. Through ongoing professional supports alongside monitoring and continuous improvement, we strive for a system where every student and ākonga can achieve success.

With the release of the remaining draft curriculum content, schools and kura will be able to see the whole national curriculum for Years 0 to 10.

## What does consultation and engagement look like

You will be supported to engage with the draft national curriculum throughout Term 4, 2025 and into 2026 through a range of consultation and engagement opportunities. These are designed to ensure broad and meaningful participation, gather feedback, and support a deeper understanding of the curriculum.

An overview of these activities is outlined below, and we'll continue to share further information over the coming months.

### Consultation and Engagement – Draft Curriculum

New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa

| Term 4, 2025: October – December 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Term 1 and Term 2, 2026: January – May 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Updated curriculum Years   Tau 0-10 available (20 Oct 2025):</b><br>English, Mathematics, Te Reo Rangatira, and Pāngarau.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Years   Tau 0-10 English, Mathematics, Te Reo Rangatira, and Pāngarau:</b> Required to be used from Term 1, 2026.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Draft curriculum Years   Tau 0-10 available (from 28 Oct 2025):</b><br>NZC, TMOA and Framework. Health and PE, Waiora, Learning Languages, Ngā Reo, Te Reo Pākehā, Science, Pūtaiao, Social Sciences, Te Ao Māori, Technology, Hangarau, and The Arts, Toi Ihiihi.                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Draft curriculum Years   Tau 11-13 available (Term 1, 2026):</b> NZC, TMOA, and Framework. English, Te Reo Rangatira, Mathematics, Pāngarau, Health and PE, Waiora, Learning Languages, Ngā Reo, Te Reo Pākehā, Science, Pūtaiao, Social Sciences, Te Ao Māori, Technology, Hangarau, and The Arts, Toi Ihiihi. |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Term 3, 2026</b><br><b>Years   Tau 0-10 curriculum finalised with formal release planned for mid-2026:</b> NZC learning areas and TMOA wāhanga ako, New Zealand Curriculum   Te Mātaiao, Te Marautanga o Aotearoa Framework                                                                                     |
|  <b>Curriculum consultation open (Oct 2025 – 24 April 2026):</b> Sector consultation for the <b>Years   Tau 0-10 draft curriculum</b> . Online feedback forms and supporting information available on Tāhūrangi. Insights gathered will inform the mid-2026 curriculum release. Sector consultation for the Years   Tau 11-13 will take place during Term 1, 2026. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Learn more about the updated and draft content:</b> Access supporting information on Tāhūrangi. Explore what is new, what has changed, and key points to understand. You'll also find resources and guidance to assist your understanding, review, and feedback.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Unpacking the curriculum Years   Tau 0-10 (Nov – Dec 2025):</b><br>Sessions available in Term 4, 2025 for schools and kura to support understanding and familiarisation of draft curriculum content.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Supporting the consultation for schools and kura (Feb – April 2026):</b> Regionally-led sessions and discussions during Term 1, 2026 to support schools and kura to deepen their understanding of the draft curriculum and guide them through the consultation process.                                         |
| <b>In-class testing invitation to participate (Nov – Dec 2025):</b><br>Invitation to participate and information about in-class testing available for schools and kura to consider.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>In-class testing of years 0-10 learning areas and wāhanga ako (Term 1, 2026):</b> Participating schools and kura carry out in-class testing to provide insights and feedback on the Years 0-10 draft curriculum.                                                                                                |

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## What content is available

The updated content for Years 0-10 English, Te Reo Rangatira, Mathematics and Statistics, and Pāngarau has already been released. These learning areas and wāhanga ako are not part of the current consultation. You can learn more and view this content [here](#).

We're starting to make draft content available for the other NZC Years 0-10 learning areas so schools can provide feedback on them between now and 24 April 2026. The draft learning areas being released are: Science, Social Sciences, Health, The Arts, Learning Languages, and Technology.

The draft wāhanga ako – Pūtaiao, Te Ao Māori, Waiora, Toi Ihiihi, Hāngarau, Ngā Reo, and Te Reo Pākeha – along with the draft framework for Te Marautanga o Aotearoa are being finalised now and will be available shortly.

A draft of the framework for the New Zealand Curriculum |Te Mātaiaho, is also being made available.

Schools and kura are invited to provide feedback on these between now and **Friday, 24 April 2026**.

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## Consultation on the Years 0-10 draft curriculum

You can find the Years 0-10 draft curriculum content and supporting information in the following sections of Tāhūrangi.

### New Zealand Curriculum

- Health & Physical Education: [NZC – Health and Physical Education Curriculum](#)
- Learning Languages: [NZC – Learning Languages Curriculum](#)
- Science: [NZC – Science Curriculum](#)
- Social Sciences: [NZC – Social Sciences Curriculum](#)
- Technology: [NZC – Technology Curriculum](#)
- The Arts: [NZC – Arts Curriculum](#)

### Te Marautanga o Aotearoa

- Links to the draft wāhanga ako and supporting information will be available soon.

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## Have your say, your feedback matters

You can now share your feedback on the draft Years 0-10 content. Feedback Forms are available for each learning area and wāhanga ako. These forms allow you to share your insights and help ensure a wide range of voices are heard and considered.

You can navigate back and forward through the Feedback Form pages, but once you choose “submit” you won’t be able to go back and edit your responses.

Links to these forms are provided below. They can also be found on each draft Years 0-10 curriculum content page.

### **New Zealand Curriculum**

- Science: [Feedback Form](#)
- Social Sciences: [Feedback Form](#)
- Health & Physical Education: [Feedback Form](#)
- The Arts: [Feedback Form](#)
- Technology: [Feedback Form](#)
- Learning Languages: [Feedback Form](#)
- The New Zealand Curriculum | Te Mātaiaho: [Feedback Form](#)

### **Te Marautanga o Aotearoa**

- TMOA Feedback Forms will be available soon.

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## **Is this the final content?**

The draft NZC Years 0-10 curriculum is presented in draft format and open for feedback. This is not yet the final version.

Following consultation, the draft content will be finalised, with formal release of the updated curriculum planned for mid-2026. It will become required teaching from the start of 2027.

- **2027:** Years 0-8 content for Science and Pūtaiao, Social Sciences and Te Ao Māori, Health & Physical Education and Waiora will need to be used from Term 1, 2027.
- **2028:** Years 0-8 content for The Arts and Toi Ihiihi, Technology and Hāngarau, Learning Languages and Ngā Reo, and Te Reo Pākehā (Te Marautanga o Aotearoa only) will need to be used from Term 1, 2028.
- All Years 9-10 learning areas and wāhanga ako will need to be used from Term 1, 2027.

## The Refreshed National Curriculum

| 2025                                                                                                 | 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2028                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2029                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2030                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| English and Te Reo Rangatira 0-6 and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau 0-8 required to be used | English and Te Reo Rangatira 0-10 and Mathematics and Statistics and Pāngarau 0-10 required to be used<br><br>All learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks available. Encouraged use of all Year 9 content | Full curriculum required to be used for Years 9-10<br><br>For Years 0-8 use requirements are extended to include Science and Pūtaiao, Social Sciences and Te Ao Māori, Health & Physical Education and Waiora                                                                                                                                                     | All Years 0-11 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | All Years 0-12 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | All Years 0-13 learning areas, wāhanga ako and curriculum frameworks required to be used                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| English 0-6<br>Te Reo Rangatira 0-6<br>Mathematics and Statistics 0-8<br>Pāngarau 0-8                | English 0-10<br>Te Reo Rangatira 0-10<br>Mathematics and Statistics 0-10<br>Pāngarau 0-10                                                                                                                               | English 0-10<br>Te Reo Rangatira 0-10<br>Mathematics and Statistics 0-10<br>Pāngarau 0-10<br>Science 0-10<br>Pūtaiao 0-10<br>Social Sciences 0-10<br>Te Ao Māori 0-10<br>Health & Physical Education 0-10<br>Waiora 0-10<br>The Arts 9-10<br>Toi Ihiihi 9-10<br>Technology 9-10<br>Hangarau 9-10<br>Learning Languages 9-10<br>Ngā Reo 9-10<br>Te Reo Pākehā 9-10 | English 0-11<br>Te Reo Rangatira 0-11<br>Mathematics and Statistics 0-11<br>Pāngarau 0-11<br>Science 0-11<br>Pūtaiao 0-11<br>Social Sciences 0-11<br>Te Ao Māori 0-11<br>Health & Physical Education 0-11<br>Waiora 0-11<br>The Arts 0-11<br>Toi Ihiihi 0-11<br>Technology 0-11<br>Hangarau 0-11<br>Learning Languages 0-11<br>Ngā Reo 0-11<br>Te Reo Pākehā 0-11 | English 0-12<br>Te Reo Rangatira 0-12<br>Mathematics and Statistics 0-12<br>Pāngarau 0-12<br>Science 0-12<br>Pūtaiao 0-12<br>Social Sciences 0-12<br>Te Ao Māori 0-12<br>Health & Physical Education 0-12<br>Waiora 0-12<br>The Arts 0-12<br>Toi Ihiihi 0-12<br>Technology 0-12<br>Hangarau 0-12<br>Learning Languages 0-12<br>Ngā Reo 0-12<br>Te Reo Pākehā 0-12 | English 0-13<br>Te Reo Rangatira 0-13<br>Mathematics and Statistics 0-13<br>Pāngarau 0-13<br>Science 0-13<br>Pūtaiao 0-13<br>Social Sciences 0-13<br>Te Ao Māori 0-13<br>Health & Physical Education 0-13<br>Waiora 0-13<br>The Arts 0-13<br>Toi Ihiihi 0-13<br>Technology 0-13<br>Hangarau 0-13<br>Learning Languages 0-13<br>Ngā Reo 0-13<br>Te Reo Pākehā 0-13 |

## What's next?

To support schools, kura, and kura hāpori in engaging with the draft curriculum, a series of sessions will be offered during **Term 4, 2025** and **Term 1, 2026**. These sessions will help build understanding and familiarity with the draft content and guide participation in the consultation process.

In addition to the consultation, we will also be conducting in-class testing of Years 0-10 learning areas and wāhanga ako in Term 1, 2026. More information on how to participate will be available soon.

The consultation period closes on **Friday, 24 April 2026**. Once the full and final national curriculum has been formally released by mid-2026 and is in use from 2027, the Government intends to move into a regular update cycle for the NZC and TMOA, as occurs in other jurisdictions, to avoid the need for wholesale reform

## Contact us

If you have any questions or need support, please contact us.

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