

Expressions of interest for appointment to Education Sector boards in 2026

The Minister of Education will be making appointments to the following boards in 2026:

- New Zealand Qualification Authority | Mana Tohu Mātauranga o Aotearoa (NZQA),
- Education New Zealand | Manapou ki te Ao (ENZ), and
- Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (Te Kura).

We are seeking expressions of interest in these appointments. The appointments are expected to be for three-year terms, with the possibility of reappointment. We are looking for the following experience and skills across each of these boards:

- governance or leadership experience,
- knowledge about the education system, and the roles of these entities in the system,
- finance and risk expertise, and
- other relevant skills and experience that contribute to well-functioning boards.

How to apply

Please include your cover letter and current CV in your expression of interest. Email these documents to appointments.mailbox@education.govt.nz. Use the same email to request further details about these roles and if you have any general enquiries.

The New Zealand Security Intelligence Service may be asked to conduct national security screening of candidates as part of the appointment processes.

Closing dates

- NZQA: 20 January 2026
- ENZ: 12 December
- Te Kura: 5 December 2025

NZQA - *Expressions of interest for board member roles*

NZQA manages the New Zealand Qualifications and Credentials Framework, runs the assessment system for secondary schools, independently checks the quality of tertiary education providers (except universities), administers the Code of Pastoral Care, recognises overseas qualifications and manages standard-setting for some unit standards and qualifications. See <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/> for more information.

Four member terms are ending during 2026. We are seeking expressions of interest for these positions.

The education system is undergoing wide-ranging changes with significant impacts on NZQA. These changes include the future replacement of NCEA, increased use of AI, and the Vocational Education and Training reform. NZQA is also updating its quality assurance framework and is working on a major IT infrastructure replacement project.

The following experiences and skills are being sought:

- change management experience, and
- knowledge of AI and digital transformation.

Board members have an expected 30 days per annum commitment for meeting attendance and other board business. The member fee is currently \$22,680 per annum, but this is being reviewed and may increase. [A position profile is available here.](#)

ENZ - Expressions of interest for board member roles

ENZ is New Zealand's government agency for promoting and marketing New Zealand education internationally. It works with a range of stakeholders to support the goals in the Government's International Education Going for Growth Plan. See <https://www.enz.govt.nz/> for more information on ENZ's role and functions.

The following experiences and skills are being sought:

- knowledge of international education in the school sector,
- knowledge of strategic marketing, within either international education, or other sectors, and
- experience of working with multiple stakeholders on shared outcomes.

Board members have an expected 30 days per annum commitment for meeting attendance and other board business. The fee is currently \$16,800 per annum, but this is being reviewed and may increase. [A position profile is available here.](#)

Te Kura - Expressions of interest for board member roles

Te Kura is New Zealand's state distance education provider, previously known as The Correspondence School. Te Kura offers a wide range of programmes from early childhood through to NCEA Level 3. Te Kura is New Zealand's largest school, with well over 30,000 cumulative enrolments a year. It plays an important system role in the education of at-risk and disengaged learners. Its school roll is continuing to grow. See <https://www.tekura.school.nz/> for more information.

Te Kura is governed by a board of eight members including a staff representative. Te Kura is a Crown entity as well as a school and is required to meet many of the same obligations as face-to-face schools and comply with the [Code of Conduct for State School Board Members](#).

Board members will help shape and implement Te Kura's strategic direction. Previous governance experience is expected along with expertise in one or more of the following:

- education, pathways, distance education,
- leadership and strategy, and
- digital technologies.

In terms of time commitment and fees, Board members have eight board meetings per year, and an expected 30 days per annum commitment for meeting attendance and other board business. The fee is currently \$15,582 per annum, but this is being reviewed and may increase. [A position profile is available here.](#)