

 FACTSHEET

Role Essentials PLD for Learning Support Coordinators

LSC PLD pathway

A professional learning and development (PLD) pathway has been developed to support LSCs to build capability, strengthen practice, and deliver consistent learning support across Aotearoa New Zealand.

The pathway provides flexible, practical learning that supports LSCs to:

- › build confidence in their role
- › strengthen inclusive systems and practice
- › support teachers and school teams to respond effectively to diverse learner needs
- › improve outcomes for learners and whānau.

PLD is designed for all LSCs and is relevant for principals supporting LSC practice, and the wider learning support workforce.

The pathway starts with LSC Induction, which sets the foundation. LSCs are strongly encouraged to complete Induction before embarking on the next steps in their learning.



Induction



Role Essentials



**Professional Learning
and Development**

by Subject Matter Area (SMA)
Term 1 2027 — ongoing

Role Essentials PLD

The Role Essentials PLD is designed to build clarity, confidence and consistency in the LSC role through practical learning and consistent approaches to everyday practice. This learning builds on the LSC Induction and supports understanding of the day-to-day responsibilities of an LSC.

Role Essentials includes:

- › clear links between responsibilities, processes, and outcomes
- › activities that support decision-making and problem-solving in context
- › flexible pathways depending on an LSC's role (e.g. part-time, full-time, shared role)
- › practical, real-world scenarios reflecting common LSC situations.

Learning content

Role Essentials includes interactive modules, covering topics such as:

- › Early identification and support – recognising patterns, using tools, and initiating support pathways
- › Planning and learner supports – designing and reviewing support strategies with teachers and whānau
- › Building capability and helping others grow – coaching and strengthening teacher confidence and practice.

Time commitment

Role Essentials is designed to be completed as short, micro-learning that can fit into an LSC's busy day. The modules provide opportunities to practise thinking through real situations in a safe environment. You can complete Role Essentials at your own pace, save your progress and come back to complete another module when you have time.

The full programme can be completed in under 6 hours, across all learning levels.

Coming in 2027

From 2027, additional PLD will be available across a range of Subject Matter Areas (SMAs), including:

- › Stakeholders & Engagement
- › Leadership, Coaching & Influence
- › Data Fluency
- › Curricula
- › Bicultural Learning Support Practice
- › Specialist Learning Areas, such as Trauma Informed Practice, Speech, Language & Communication Needs or Specific Learning Disorders (Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia).

Accessing LSC PLD

Anyone with an Education Sector Login (ESL) can access Role Essentials and Induction through the Ministry's

[Education Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#)

- › Login using your ESL.
- › If you do not have an ESL, your Delegated Authoriser (DA) within your school can arrange this. [Further information about your ESL and DA.](#)
- › Once logged in, open the learning programme tile 'Learning Support Coordinators' or search using keywords such as "**LSC**", "**Learning Support**", or "**Role Essentials**".
- › If you are unable to log in or have forgotten your ESL password, please contact the Education Service Desk team on **0800 422 599** or at service.desk@education.govt.nz.

How to get support

- › Get in touch with the Ministry's Education Service Desk or Training Services team if you are not able to access courses via LMS.
- › Talk to your principal for role-related queries.
- › You can also get in touch with your local Ministry team if you require further guidance or support.
Contact details: [Regional offices - Ministry of Education.](#)

More Information

- › [Learning Support Coordinators in Schools](#) includes detailed LSC information including the role description, skills matrix and other resources.