

Regulation of the Teaching Workforce

Standards to support safe, high-quality teaching and learning

Aotearoa New Zealand has a shared regulatory system for the teaching workforce. The regulatory system aims to ensure teachers are qualified, competent and fit to practise, leading to improved safety and learning outcomes.

The Ministry of Education

Sets, maintains and reviews standards that apply to teachers and teacher training providers



Sets requirements for initial teacher education (ITE) programmes



Sets the requirements for becoming a registered teacher



Sets requirements for holding a limited authority to teach



Sets requirements for practising certificates



Sets code of conduct (Code of Professional Responsibility) and standards for on-going teaching practice (Standards for the Teaching Profession)

The Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand

Approves ITE programmes, decides who can teach, looks into serious conduct or competence concerns



Approves ITE programmes
Monitors, reviews & enforces performance of ITE programmes



Registers teachers



Grants Limited Authority to Teach (LAT)



Issues practising certificates



Sets rules for reporting serious misconduct and competence issues
Looks into serious conduct or competence concerns and takes action when needed

A teacher's journey

A career shaped by learning, practice, and professional development. The pathway to becoming and remaining a teacher.

1 Train to be a teacher



2 Get initial permission to teach



3 Teach & renew permission to teach

