



Consistency Accountability Statement: Licensing Criteria for Kōhanga Reo affiliated to Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust Amendment Notice (2) 2026

Agency responsible	Ministry of Education
Portfolio	Early Childhood Education
Date finalised	19/08/2026

Statement of Review

I confirm that the Ministry of Education has assessed the above legislation, and the process for developing it, for consistency with the principles of responsible regulation as set out in section 9 of the Regulatory Standards Act 2025.

This assessment identified the following inconsistencies with the principles of responsible regulation.

Relevant principle of responsible regulation	Relevant clauses in proposed legislation
Good law-making 9(l)	Legislation should be expected to produce benefits that exceed the costs of the legislation to the public or persons.

Summary of inconsistency

A full assessment of expected costs and benefits has not been undertaken for the amendments to kōhanga reo licensing criteria.



**Te Tāhuhu o
te Mātauranga**

Education

**Relevant principle of responsible
regulation**

Good law-making 9(m)

Relevant clauses in proposed legislation

Legislation should be the most effective,
efficient, and proportionate response to the
issue concerned that is available

Summary of inconsistency

We have not produced a formal options analysis as part of this process. Formal options analysis was not undertaken for revising kōhanga reo licensing criteria.

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Andy Jackson

Hautū | Deputy Secretary

Te Pou Kaupapahere | Policy