

Review of the Initial Teacher Education Programme requirements – Summary of the Discussion Document



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About this Easy Read



This Easy Read is from the **Ministry of Education Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga**.



The **Ministry of Education Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga**

is the part of the Government that looks after **education** in Aotearoa New Zealand.



Education means all the learning you get at:

- early learning places
- schools
- universities / training places.





This Easy Read is about a **review**.

A **review** means looking at:

- what things are like now
- how things could be done better.

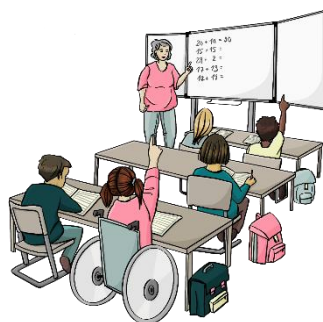


This review is about **Initial Teacher Education programme requirements**.



Initial Teacher Education is how people learn to be teachers in:

- early childhood centres
- schools
- kura which are schools which use te reo Māori / the Māori language.





You have to do Initial Teacher Education to be able to teach in Aotearoa New Zealand.

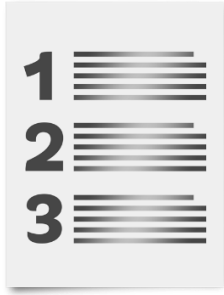


Programme requirements are what the places that train teachers must do to:

- get new teachers ready for the classroom
- make sure they are good teachers.



In this Easy Read when we say **ITE** it means Initial Teacher Education.

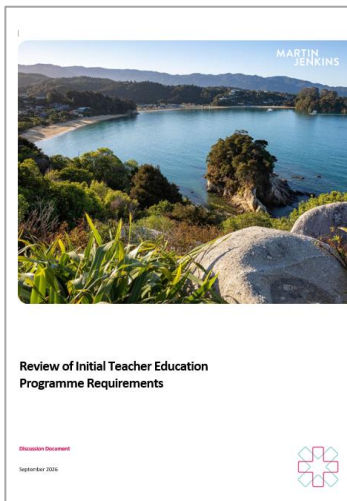


This Easy Read is a **summary**.



A **summary**:

- is shorter than the full document
- tells you the main ideas.



The full document is called:

Review of Initial Teacher Education Programme Requirements.



The full document shares 9 **opportunities** to make teacher training programmes better.



An **opportunity** is a chance to do something.



The 9 opportunities are about:

- improving how teacher training programmes are made
- making sure what teachers are being taught is good
- making sure what teachers are being taught stays good.



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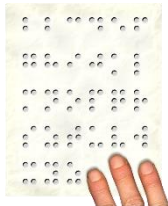
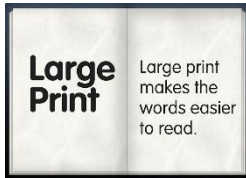
- the 9 opportunities
- ways to give feedback on the review.



<https://tinyurl.com/3rhwj5j5>



As well as this Easy Read, the website has information in other accessible formats like:



- large print
- Braille
- audio
- New Zealand Sign Language
- a video of a webinar.



It is good to find out what is in the full document before taking part in the review.

About the review



Matatū. Tū Mataora.
Stand tall. Shape the future.

The **Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand** used to look after the ITE programme requirements.



The **Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand** is a group that:

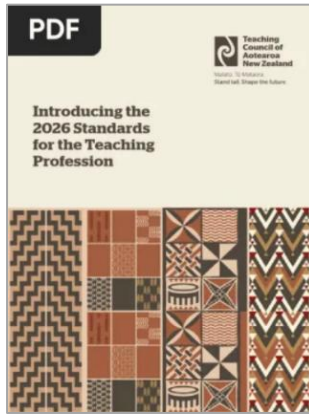
- makes rules for teachers
- keeps students safe.



Now the Ministry of Education looks after ITE programme requirements.



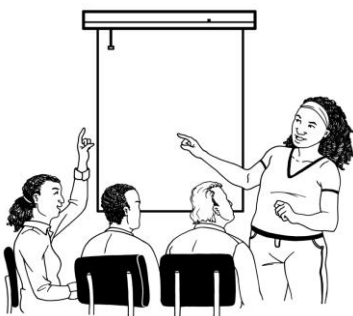
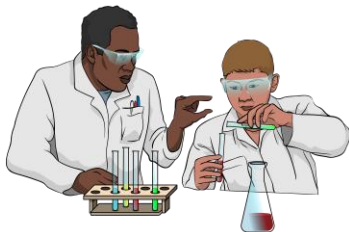
There are some new rules for teachers in Aotearoa New Zealand.



They are called the **2026 Standards for the Teaching Profession**.

The **2026 Standards for the Teaching Profession** rules make sure every teacher:

- supports all students to:
 - learn
 - feel safe
- knows the subject they teach well
- works closely with school communities.



The Ministry of Education wants to make sure ITE teaches these things.

That is why there is a review.

What will the review look at?



The review will ask if new teachers can support all learners.



This includes:

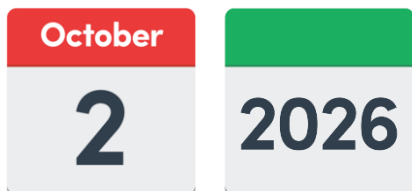
- Māori
- Pacific peoples
- disabled people
- people with different learning needs.



It will also look at whether the places that teach ITE do it in ways that are good for their community.



How to take part in the review



The review started on **2 October 2026**.



It will finish on **13 November 2026**.

As part of the review the Ministry of Education would like to know what you think about:



- ITE
- teaching
- learning.



There are different ways you can take part in the review.



You can do an online / internet **survey**.

A **survey** asks lots of people the same questions.

This helps find out what people think about things.



The survey will take around 15 minutes.

You can:

- answer questions
- write what you think.



You can share as much as you like.



You can find the survey here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3fe7wp5d>



The survey is not in Easy Read.

You can also share what you think by sending an email to:



TeachingStandards@education.govt.nz



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