Regulation of the Teaching Workforce

Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga
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Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa

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.

Is steward of the Education and Training Act (2020).

- Set requirements for initial teacher education (ITE) programmes
- Sets criteria for teacher registration
- Sets criteria for issuing and renewing 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.

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- Monitors, reviews and enforces performance of ITE programmes
- Sets requirements about character, fitness and training
- Registers teachers and grants Limited Authority to Teach (LAT)
- Sets requirements about teaching experience and professional development
- Issues and renews practising certificates
- Sets criteria 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 and renew permission to teach**

