



## Teaching Council Amendment Rules 2021

Pursuant to section 486(1)(h) of the Education and Training Act 2020, the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand, after consultation in accordance with section 486(3) of that Act, makes the following rules.

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### Rules

- 1 Title**  
These rules are the Teaching Council Amendment Rules 2021.
- 2 Commencement**  
These rules come into force on 22 October 2021.
- 3 Principal rules**  
These rules amend the Teaching Council Rules 2016.

#### 4 New Part 9A inserted

After rule 66, insert:

### **Part 9A** **Refresh process**

#### **66A Application of this Part**

This Part applies if—

- (a) a teacher submits an application to renew a relevant practising certificate; and
- (b) the teacher is unable to satisfy the requirements of clause 10(6)(a) of Schedule 3 of the Act; and
- (c) the Teaching Council must consider whether it is satisfied that the teacher meets the requirements of clause 10(6)(b) of Schedule 3 of the Act, including the applicable refresh process specified in this Part.

#### **66B Interpretation**

In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires,—

**refresh process**, in relation to a relevant practising certificate, means the requirements specified in clause 66C, 66D, or 66E for renewing the relevant practising certificate

**relevant practising certificate** means—

- (a) a provisional practising certificate;
- (b) a full category 1 practising certificate;
- (c) a full category 2 practising certificate.

#### **66C Refresh process for renewal of provisional practising certificates**

- (1) A teacher must complete a new or beginning teacher practice plan before the Teaching Council may issue a renewed provisional practising certificate if the teacher—
  - (a) applies to renew their provisional practising certificate; and
  - (b) lacks satisfactory recent teaching experience; and
  - (c) has completed their teaching qualification less than 5 years before their application.
- (2) However, unless the Teaching Council grants an exemption, a teacher must complete a teacher education refresh programme before the Teaching Council may issue a renewed provisional practising certificate if the teacher—
  - (a) has been unable to gain satisfactory recent teaching experience for a period of 5 years or more; or

- (b) has held a provisional practising certificate for a period 5 years or more.

**66D Refresh process for renewal of full category 1 practising certificates or full category 2 practising certificates**

- (1) A teacher must complete a return to practice plan before the Teaching Council may issue a renewed full category 1 practising certificate or a renewed full category 2 practising certificate if the teacher—
  - (a) applies to renew their full category 1 practising certificate or full category 2 practising certificate; and
  - (b) lacks satisfactory recent teaching experience.
- (2) However, a teacher may be required to complete a teacher education refresh programme before the Teaching Council may issue a renewed full category 1 practising certificate or a renewed full category 2 practising certificate if the teacher has, over a period of 5 years or more, renewed their full category 1 practising certificate or full category 2 practising certificate by means of completing a return to practice plan.

**66E Refresh process for renewal of relevant practising certificates for teachers who taught overseas and lack satisfactory recent teaching experience**

Despite anything in clauses 66C and 66D, unless the Teaching Council grants an exemption, a teacher must complete a teacher education refresh programme before the Teaching Council may issue a relevant practising certificate if the teacher—

- (a) applies to renew a relevant practising certificate; and
- (b) has taught overseas in a role (or roles) that is (or are) not equivalent to a teaching position in New Zealand; and
- (c) lacks satisfactory recent teaching experience.

Dated at Wellington this 12th day of October 2021.

Nicola Ngarewa,  
Chairperson of the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

## Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the rules, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These rules, which come into force on 22 October 2021, amend the Teaching Council Rules 2016 to specify, for the purposes of clause 10(6)(b)(i) of Schedule 3 of the Education and Training Act 2020, the requirements for the renewal of certain practising certificates.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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These rules are administered by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.