

Teacher Certification Process

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Statement

Registration and certification ensure teachers are qualified, capable and ethical professionals. Te Whare Kōhungahunga o UC | Early Childhood Learning Centre (ECLC) supports teachers to maintain a current practising certification.

Rationale

A current practising certificate shows employers, colleagues, learners and the wider community that a teacher is qualified, competent and fit for teaching.

There are four practising certificate types, depending on where you are at in your teaching career.

Tiwhikete Whakaakoranga Tōmua | Provisional Practising Certificate – for all new and beginning teachers from New Zealand and all overseas trained teachers seeking to register to teach in New Zealand.

Tiwhikete Whakaakoranga Tūturu | Full Practising Certificate (Category One) - for experienced teachers; those who have been and continue to be endorsed as meeting all the *Standards for the Teaching Profession* | *Ngā Paerewa*.

Tiwhikete Whakaakoranga Pūmau | Full Practising Certificate (Category Two) - for experienced teachers who are not currently able to be endorsed as meeting all the *Standards* | *Ngā Paerewa* because of their role type so are considered likely to meet them.

Returning to Teaching in Aotearoa New Zealand Practising Certificate – for New Zealand registered teachers who have not completed any teaching in New Zealand in the five years prior to their application.

Guidelines

The Code | Tikanga Matatika sets out the high standards for ethical behaviour that are expected of every teacher.

The Standards | Ngā Paerewa are the teaching professions' collective expectations for effective teaching practice.

Teachers are expected to actively engage in a Professional Growth Cycle that focuses on how you meet Our Code, Our Standards | Ngā Tikanga Matatika, Ngā Paerewa in your everyday practice, and take responsibility for attaining and maintaining your practising certificate.

(Source: <https://teachingcouncil.nz/getting-certificated/>)