



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Ngā mihi mahana ki a koutou
Warm greetings to you all.

Consultation on registration requirements

Earlier this year I met with many of you at workshops to discuss issues to do with the registration system. At the time I signalled that we would consult with you during October and November. A consultation document has been prepared and is available at:

<http://www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz/policy/consultation.stm>

The Council now has some proposals for registration requirements. These include a possible new framework for registration. We are seeking your feedback on these proposals. A consultation document including questions has been prepared and is available at: <http://www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz>

The final date for providing feedback is **Friday 27 November 2009**. You can:

- Download the consultation document from the Council website, complete it electronically and email it to: alastair.mclean@teacherscouncil.govt.nz. **or**
- Print off the document, complete your response and post it to the New Zealand Teachers Council, PO Box 5326, Wellington, 6145, Attention: Alastair Mclean.

For any queries, email: erin.pilcher@teacherscouncil.govt.nz or marnie.hainsworth@teacherscouncil.govt.nz

The registration policy will be finalised after this consultation period. Implementation of this policy will be phased in over time and will be dependent on the timing of any desired legislative changes. Changes that do not require legislative change will begin to be implemented from 2010.

Director's meetings with professional leaders in November

In support of this consultation, I will again be visiting a number of regions during November to discuss the issues with professional leaders. I will also be able to talk to you about the finalised Registered Teacher Criteria and the training and support for their implementation over the next three to four years.

Consultation on requirements for registration as a teacher*Coming to a venue near you in November*

Monday 2 November	DUNEDIN Mercure Hotel	1.00pm
Tuesday 3 November	CHRISTCHURCH Holiday Inn On Avon	10.00am
Friday 6 November	WELLINGTON Holiday Inn	10.00am 1.00pm
Monday 16 November	ROTORUA Distinction Hotel	10.00am
	HAMILTON Kingsgate Hotel	2.00pm
Tuesday 17 November	AUCKLAND Ellerslie Racecourse	10.00am 1.00pm
Wednesday 18 November	WHANGAREI Kingsgate Hotel	10.00am
Monday 30 November	PALMERSTON NORTH Caccia Birch	10.00am

For more information or to register for any of the above please email Alastair Mclean alastair.mclean@teacherscouncil.govt.nz

World Teachers Day Conference 30 October

It is now a tradition for the Council to hold a one day conference on World Teachers Day, the last Friday in October. These provide an opportunity to focus on the Council's current professional projects. This year the focus is on the Registered Teacher Criteria and UC Education Plus from Canterbury University will be discussing their trial of the criteria with teachers in their region. I would encourage you to come or send a colleague as we will also be discussing plans for support and training as the RTC are phased in over the next three to four years. You can respond to the invitation on our website.

I would also encourage you to celebrate the work you and your teachers do every day by marking the day with something special on Friday 30 October. Send us any photographs of what you do and we will publish them on our website!

Linking Minds Scholarship - applications are open

Linking Minds is a prestigious international award for young teachers who identify themselves as emerging leaders. The award is sponsored by the NZ - UK Link Foundation, the British Council, the New Zealand Teachers Council and the Ministry of Education.

The award funds four New Zealand teachers to spend two weeks over the April holiday period of every second year attached to a Local Authority in the United Kingdom exploring best practice in the region. An additional component examining language immersion settings in a Welsh language school will also be included in the programme this year. Participants must be in their first five years as fully NZ registered teachers in the schools sector and under 35 years old. The costs of travel, accommodation and general living expenses including interview and selection costs will be met.

Applications are open for the 2010 travel component and are welcome from teachers in the primary, secondary, Māori medium and early childhood sectors who show leadership potential, and who demonstrate effective and/or innovative practice. **Applications close on 13 November 2009.** For further information see: <http://www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz/communication/linkingminds.stm>

Application forms are available from the Ministry of Education: <http://www.minedu.govt.nz/studyawards2010>. (Listed under the heading "Professional Learning for Teachers").

In conclusion

I acknowledge that this is a busy time for you all. Your contribution to our consultation and other work is appreciated and valued. I look forward to hearing further from you. You may contact me at peter.lind@teacherscouncil.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



Dr Peter Lind Director