

Support Grant for Provisionally Registered Teachers (PRTs)

What is the Support Grant, and who is eligible?

The Support Grant for PRTs provides additional funding for some permanently employed PRTs who are ECE qualified in achieving full registration.

However, recent changes to early childhood education funding mean the Support Grant is available only for licensed teacher-led services funded below the 80% registered teacher rate. **This means most PRTs will not be eligible for the grant.**

NZEI has expressed grave concern at the removal of this funding, and is campaigning for the funding cuts to be reinstated.

Note all PRTs are entitled to an induction and mentoring/advice and guidance programme even if the Support Grant is not available.

Contact your worksite representative or 0800 NZEI HELP for assistance if you do not have such a programme.

What does this mean for those teachers who are eligible for a support grant

The following information is provided for teachers who are eligible for the Support Grant.

What can the support grant be used for?

NZEI believes that decisions about the use of the grant should be made in close collaboration with the PRT and the tutor teacher. It is intended that this grant will directly benefit the PRT, and support their work in achieving the goals they have identified as part of their advice and guidance programme.

Contact 0800 NZEI HELP if you feel your service's grant is not being used appropriately.

The grant must be used to provide support for working towards full registration status.

Ministry of Education approved uses are:

- *Professional learning experiences (such as release time for a supervisor/tutor from the same service as the provisionally registered teacher to do the role, release time for the provisionally registered teacher, and payment of external supervisor/tutor fees).*
- *Professional development opportunities (Fees and travel costs for: attending seminars, conferences, workshops, short courses and observations of best practice).*
- *The chance to gather evidence and advice for best teaching practices, including the costs to compile portfolios.*

Which teachers are 'provisionally registered' in terms of the support grant?

For the purposes of the support grant, 'provisionally registered teachers' are all teachers who:

- hold the Diploma of Teaching (ECE) or another New Zealand Teachers Council approved ECE qualification **and**
- hold a New Zealand Teachers Council practising certificate that indicates they are provisionally registered as teachers.

For the support grant, 'PRT' **does not include** NZ qualified primary teachers.

Where can I find more information?

For further information

[Ministry of Education: Support Grant For PRTs](#) or
0800 NZEI HELP