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## Parliamentary Library Research Paper puts National Standards under the microscope

The Parliamentary Library, which regularly produces research papers for parliamentarians, has published an analysis of National Standards and their implementation. The report provides a useful summary of the issues, and concludes:

*"The Standards have been designed and developed in a short time frame, placing pressure on schools as they are required to develop the infrastructure to implement the standards while simultaneously applying them. Because of the speed with which the standards have been developed and are being implemented, it will be critical that any issues found in implementing the standards are acted on quickly and effectively."*

[Read the full report.](#)

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## Budget 2010: the biggest cuts to the smallest people

In the wake of the Budget's huge cuts to early childhood services with high levels of qualified teachers, NZEI is urging all members to support our campaign for 100% quality in ECE – including reinstating the target of 100% qualified teachers!

The Budget cuts are bad for children and families, devalue teaching and learning and are a bad investment decision for New Zealand's future. To get involved in the campaign, [download resources here](#) and join the debate at [ECE Together](#).

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## Don't let your teacher registration practising certificate expire!

Check your practising certificate (your wallet card) or the [Teachers Council's register](#) for the expiry date. If your practising certificate is to expire with the next 6 months, the Teachers Council [Director's Message](#) suggests that teachers renew now before the 1 July fee rise – the Council will date your new practising certificate from the expiry date of your current certificate.

If your practising certificate is expired, you must take action immediately – see [NZEI information](#) and [Teachers Council information](#).

The new Education Amendment Act sets up an information matching programme between the New Zealand Teachers Council and Ministry of Education. The Council will be able to identify and contact those employed in teaching positions without a current practising certificate. **NZEI strongly urges teacher members to check the currency of their practising certificate now.** For assistance phone 0800 NZEI HELP.

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## Non Teacher Police Vetting

The new Education Amendment Act makes changes to the procedures for NTPV by altering who must be vetted and how and when that vetting must occur in schools and early childhood education services. The Act removes the Teachers Council's role in NTPV, and makes vetting free for schools and services. More details are to be found in the [Ministry of Education Circular 2010/09](#).

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