

NZEI Information on Teacher Registration

NZEI members teaching overseas

Please note that the information here is that provided directly from the New Zealand Teachers Council website, and is not information from NZEI.

It is recommended that members check their individual circumstances with the New Zealand Teachers Council prior to their travel. Members should ensure that the NZTC has an address in New Zealand to which mail can be sent, especially if your practising certificate will expire during your overseas trip.

The statements come from the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sections on the New Zealand Teachers Council website. www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz

The statements provide information for members who may be traveling overseas, and who may wish to teach while away and/or upon return to New Zealand. The questions are not in any order, are slightly disjointed and have a level of repetition as the FAQs have been copied from several sections of the website, on the basis of their relevance to NZEI members who are teachers traveling overseas.

I hold full registration but I'm heading overseas for a few years. Will I still be registered when I get back?

It depends how long you are away. If your Practising Certificate comes due for renewal while you are away and you have taught in NZ for two of the past five years you can apply for renewal as if you were in NZ. Otherwise contact the Teachers Council on your return to determine your current status. Please be aware that policies relating to registration do change and it is important to read the website to check on new developments which may occur while you are overseas. Your full registration lapses 5 years after the expiry date of your practising certificate card.

I taught overseas for several years. Can my overseas teaching service count towards Full registration?

Up to a maximum of one year of overseas teaching may be counted, provided you were employed in a learning centre recognised by the education authority of that state or country. You will need to provide a statement on letterhead from the learning centre where you were employed, outlining the system of professional support, guidance and appraisal involving a mentor teacher provided for the whole of that period of employment. You cannot gain full registration while teaching overseas. At least one full year of supervised teaching must be completed in New Zealand and you must be teaching in this country when the recommendation for full registration is made.

Can an overseas school provide a testimonial when reapplying for registration, or complete the school section on the Practising Certificate Renewal form?

Testimonials from overseas schools can be accepted when reapplying for registration. However the learning centre section of the Practising Certificate Renewal form must be completed by your last New Zealand professional leader. If that professional leader has left, the form can be signed by the new principal and a senior teacher who worked with you.

Certificate of Service

I am traveling overseas and I need to produce a history of the schools I have taught in and the number of years I have been teaching.

You need to contact Payserve by email payserve@datacom.co.nz or their website www.payroll-serv.co.nz - forms - statement of service request. There is a fee for this service.