

## **NZEI Information on Teacher Registration for Supplementary Learning Support Teachers**

***Does employment as a supplementary learning support teacher mean I can still be a registered teacher?***

Supplementary learning support teachers must be registered teachers. They are able to renew their registration and practising certificate each three years. They are eligible to maintain a practising certificate in the category of full registration so long as they, as individuals, meet all the requirements for full registration.

***Can a supplementary learning support teacher maintain a practising certificate in the category of full registration?***

Yes, supplementary learning support teachers should be able to do so.

The Teachers Council Registration Form TC3 outlines the requirements.

If a supplementary learning support teacher cannot meet the requirements for full registration (for example by not having taught for two out of the last five years) then the teacher will still be registered but with a practising certificate in the category of subject to confirmation.

***Where can I access more information?***

Teachers Council website

NZEI website and its section on Teacher Registration

**NZEI 0800 HELP** can assist individual members.

***I am concerned about the categories of registration. What work is currently being undertaken in the area of registration?***

The Teachers Council consulted in late 2009 about a proposed new registration framework, and is soon to release a further draft framework.

The new Registered Teacher Criteria are to replace the current Satisfactory Teacher Dimensions, with phased introduction from the start of 2011. You can read more about these on the Teachers Council website [www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz](http://www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz)

***Why are some teachers registered subject to confirmation (STC)?***

This category is for experienced teachers who have previously been registered but who do not currently meet the requirements for full registration, often because of the Council requirement for recent teaching service is not met. These teachers are registered teachers, and can re-apply for registration when their practising certificate expires. Teacher frustration with the STC title is one of the reasons for the Teachers Council's current review of the registration framework.