

NZEI Information on Teacher Registration

New Zealand Teachers Council requirements for Professional development for the renewal of a practising certificate.

A key requirement for the renewal of the practising certificate is clear evidence of professional development.

All teachers should maintain a log of their professional development.

All principals and professional leaders should ensure a system to record individual teacher development as part of her/his personal file.

The Teachers Council notes the following in the guide for the Form TC 3 Application to Renew Registered Teacher's 3 Year Practising Certificate.

Examples of suitable professional development activities

- Continuing education in teaching, or in your teaching subject(s), through:
 - Tertiary courses
 - Professional development contracts
 - Workshops, seminars and conferences, or
 - Professional reading.
- Relevant research-based activities, such as:
 - Action research
 - Developing a new programme
 - Lecturing about teaching and learning, or
 - Writing or producing an educational book, article or resource.
- Directly assisting other teachers or student teachers by, for example, being:
 - A supervising or tutor teacher
 - A student teacher mentor or associate teacher
 - A curriculum leader within a learning centre.
 - An advisor or resource person.
- Professional activities such as:
 - Co-operative planning, review and programme development with colleagues, or
 - Active participation in subject associations or education organisations.

Professional development support for relieving teachers is important. This needs some co-ordination and can be best achieved through school clusters. Individual principals should consider sending a list to all teachers on its relieving list of staff meetings and staff professional development dates for the term with an invitation to attend. A further option is for schools to apply for funding to support professional development for relievers through the Ministry of Education's School Based Relief Teacher Training Initiative. (www.minedu.govt.nz)