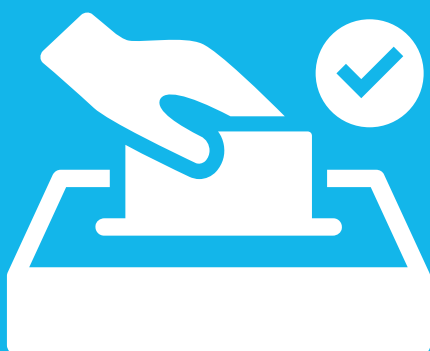


Candidate handbook

Governing Council elections 2025

I'M PROUD
TO BE A
TEACHER!



**PROUD
KAIAKO**



**Teaching
Council of
Aotearoa
New Zealand**

Matatū. Tū Mataora.
Stand tall. Shape the future.

Why be part of the Teaching Council Governing Council?

The Teaching Council is your professional body, run by teachers, for teachers and funded by teachers. Being a Governing Council member is your opportunity to bring your learning environment or classroom lens to a system level, where you will help shape the strategic vision for the profession, while raising the mana of teachers so they can continue to change the lives of our young people.

If you have a heart for your community, your centre, your kura or school, your learners and students, if you want to really make a difference to the future of teaching in New Zealand, being a member of the Governing Council is your opportunity to do that.

The only cost is your time and energy, so we'd encourage you to bring your aroha, your passion for teaching and the profession and think about standing for the Governing Council.

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1. Introduction

This handbook outlines information which will be of interest to you as a prospective candidate in the 2025 Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand elections.

Prospective candidates or other persons requiring more detailed information should contact the returning officer, or refer to the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand Election Rules 2018 (the Rules), which are available from the returning officer, or the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand (Teaching Council) website www.teachingcouncil.nz.

The Teaching Council's website also contains additional information about its functions, which may be of interest to prospective candidates.

Returning officer

The Teaching Council has appointed Dale Ofsoske from Election Services as returning officer for the 2025 elections. This means that Election Services will be handling all matters relating to the elections. Election Services is based in Auckland and the election administration will be undertaken from there.

The role of the returning officer is to carry out any functions under the Rules that are agreed upon between the Teaching Council and the returning officer, and to follow accepted electoral principles designed to provide:

- fair and effective representation
- all qualified persons the chance to
 - cast an informed vote
 - nominate a candidate
 - accept nomination as a candidate
- confidence in, and understanding of, the electoral process through
 - regular election cycle
 - independently managed elections
 - freedom of choice of voters and secrecy of the vote
 - transparent electoral systems and voting methods and the adoption of procedures that produce certainty in electoral outcomes.

Voting method

The election is being conducted using electronic voting. Voting documents and any notices will be issued electronically. Provision is also made for postal voting in certain circumstances.

Electoral system

The electoral system will be Single Transferable Vote. This is a preferential voting system where voters have one vote but can rank as many or as few candidates as they wish.

Voting period

The voting period will be Wednesday, 5 February 2025 to 12:00pm Friday, 28 February 2025.

Election details

Elections will be held for seven (7) sector representatives on the Teaching Council Governing Council. One representative will be elected from each of the following sectors:

- Early childhood education teachers.
- Early childhood education service leaders.
- Primary teachers.
- Primary principals.
- Secondary teachers.
- Secondary principals.
- Teacher educators.



2. Election timetable

Date	Action
Friday, 25 October 2024	Issue notice of election (email and post)
Friday, 25 October 2024	Nominations open
Monday, 30 December 2024	Nominations close (12:00pm)
Wednesday, 22 January 2025	Issue candidate list (email and post)
Friday, 24 January 2025	Cut-off date for final electoral roll
Wednesday, 29 January 2025	Issue final electoral roll to Teaching Council - publish on website
Wednesday, 5 February 2025	Issue voting information (email and post)
Wednesday, 5 February 2025	Voting opens
Friday, 28 February 2025	Voting closes (12:00pm)
Friday, 28 February 2025	Issue results to Teaching Council - publish on website (7:00pm)
Tuesday, 1 July 2025	Elected members take office



3. Nominations

Remuneration and Governing Council meetings

Governing Council member remuneration

Members are paid for attendance of and preparation for Governing Council meetings, and for meetings of any other Teaching Council bodies they are members of.

If the Governing Council member is employed full-time by an ECE center, school, or kura, it's up to the member to negotiate arrangements for time release or leave to attend Governing Council meeting and to agree whether Governing Council member attendance and preparation fees are paid to the individual or the employer. If public funding is involved (e.g. the Governing Council member is also employed by a publicly funded school or kura), there is a general expectation that payment for attending Governing Council meetings will come from one source only (i.e. either the employer or the Teaching Council, but not both).

Governing Council members' expenses

Each Governing Council member is entitled to be paid for all actual and reasonable travelling, accommodation and other expenses incurred by the Governing Council member in connection with their attendance at meetings or otherwise in connection with the Governing Council.

Governing Council meetings

As a Governing Council member, you'll be required to attend ten full-day Governing Council meetings per year. Each meeting will require substantial preparation, including reviewing Governing Council papers. There may be additional 'out-of-cycle' meetings that require attendance. Meetings are held face to face or via Microsoft Teams.

Other committees and meetings

You may also be asked to sit on one of three committees, which meet every month or every two months and are between one and three hours in length. You may also be asked to sit on one of the Governing Council's five advisory groups, often led by a Governing Council member (dependent on educational expertise), which meet throughout the year.

Candidate qualifications

To be nominated as a candidate, a person must be one of the following:

- Teacher representing the early childhood education sector.
- Early childhood education service leader, representing leadership in the early childhood education sector.
- Teacher representing the primary education sector.
- Principal representing the primary education sector.
- Teacher representing the secondary education sector.
- Principal representing the secondary education sector.
- Teacher educator working in the fields of initial and ongoing teacher education.

Each of the elected members must be a registered teacher holding a current practising certificate, except the teacher educator, who need not hold a current practising certificate but must:

- be a registered teacher
- have five or more years of experience in the field of initial teacher education or ongoing teacher education, or both
- be currently working in one of those fields.

A nomination of a person as a candidate for election as an elected member is not valid unless the person who made the nomination is:

- entitled to vote
- currently (or was most recently) employed in the same sector as the candidate they are nominating and the nomination is seconded by a person who:
 - is entitled to vote
 - is currently (or was most recently) employed in the same sector as the candidate they are nominating
 - is not the person who nominated the candidate.

A candidate may be nominated for only one sector.

Online nominations

Nominations can be completed and submitted by following the instructions on the Election Services online nomination portal (<http://www.electionservices.co.nz/teachingcouncil/>) as follows:

- Create a sign-on unique to you on the Election Services online nomination portal.
- Select the sector you wish to be nominated for.
- Complete all fields including name, registration number and email address for the two nominators. Please note your nominators will be sent an email with a link for them to sign and agree to nominate you.
- Submit your nomination. Please note nominations cannot be submitted online until all mandatory fields have been completed and two nominators have signed and agreed to nominate you.

If you have any nomination enquiries, please contact Election Services via:

- email: nominations@electionservices.co.nz
- phone: Election Helpline 0800 922 822.

Lodging your nomination

Nominations close at 12:00pm Monday, 30 December 2024.

Nominations must be completed and submitted to the returning officer no later than the above time and date.

The candidate resumé, profile statement and candidate photo must be submitted at the same time as the nomination – your online nomination will not be able to be submitted until

all mandatory fields have been completed.

Please complete and submit your nomination paper early. Completing your nomination paper should not be left to the last minute. Should a nomination paper be lodged late on the morning nominations close and be incorrectly completed or refer to an ineligible nominator or seconder, there may be insufficient time to correct the situation, and the nomination paper could be invalidated.

Once submitted, nominations are checked to ensure the nominator and seconder are on the appropriate sector electoral roll.

Confirmation by email of an accepted nomination will be given to each candidate as soon as the nomination paper is verified.

After close of nominations

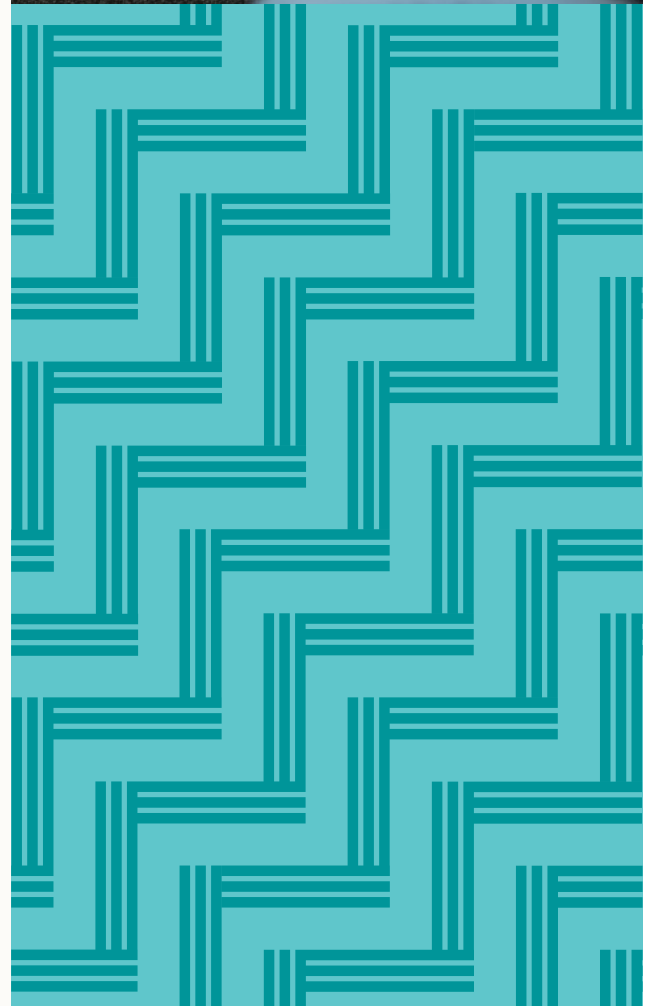
After nominations have closed, a full list of all candidates will be published on the Teaching Council website, www.teachingcouncil.nz, and will be sent via email to all eligible voters on Wednesday, 22 January 2025.

If elections are required (i.e. there is more than one candidate in any sector), candidate names will appear in alphabetical order on the voting document.

Candidate names will appear on the voting document with surname first, followed by first name(s), i.e. SURNAME, Firstname.

Voting documents will be distributed by email to eligible voters on Wednesday, 5 February 2025, with voting closing at 12:00pm on Friday, 28 February 2025.

Provision is also made for postal voting in certain circumstances.



4. Candidate profile statements

The Rules state that each candidate must provide a candidate resumé and may provide a candidate profile statement and photo with their nomination paper. These are collated by the returning officer and forwarded to eligible voters with the voting documents and included on the online voting site.

Candidate profile statement and resumé

All fields in the resumé section of the nomination paper must be completed:

- Full name*.
- Location*.
- Academic qualifications*.
- Current position* (including title, brief description of role and length of time role held).
- Active teaching experience* (including roles, institutions and dates).
- Governance experience* (including organisations, roles and dates).
- Personal interests*.

The candidate profile statement (optional):

- must not exceed 150 words. The 150-word limit will be strictly enforced. Please check the word limit before submitting your nomination
- must be plain black text, without formatting. Candidates may include an email address or website address, but these will each be counted as one word as part of the 150-word limit.
- must be in either English (150 words) or te reo Māori (150 words) and may also be translated into Māori or English
- may include a translation into another language of the candidate's choice, but no additional words are permitted for this translation - i.e. if in English or Māori and another language, can only be a total of 150 words
- must be confined to information about the candidate, and the candidate's policies and intentions if elected
- may include a recent (less than one year old) passport size photograph of the candidate only, i.e. head and shoulders.

* does not count toward word limit

The candidate profile statement and/or candidate photo, if submitted, must be submitted at the same time as the nomination paper.

A photo, if submitted with the nomination by email, should be an image file (e.g. jpg), 600 dpi.

A photo, if submitted with the nomination by post or hand delivered, should be good quality.

If there is no profile statement or photo from a candidate, then the following text will be printed in the profile booklet: 'No Profile Statement provided' or 'No Photo provided'.

Review of candidate profile statements

If the returning officer is not satisfied that a candidate profile statement complies with the Rules, the returning officer will, as soon as practicable, return the statement to the candidate and specify his concerns and the reasons.

The candidate will then need to submit an amended candidate profile statement to the returning officer by Sunday, 5 January 2025.

A candidate is to be treated as having failed to provide a candidate profile statement, if the candidate:

- fails to submit an amended candidate profile statement within the time agreed with the returning officer; or
- submits an amended candidate profile statement that, in the opinion of the returning officer, does not comply with the requirements.

Candidates must sign a statutory declaration that states that their candidate profile statement is true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

The returning officer is not required to verify or investigate any information included in a candidate profile statement. The returning officer will take no responsibility for the content's accuracy, and a disclaimer concerning the accuracy of the information contained in the statements will be published in the profile statements booklet.



5. Candidate Code of Conduct

Applicable during the 2025 Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand elections.

Purpose of the Code of Conduct (the Code)

- One of the fundamental principles governing the Teaching Council is that governance of the Teaching Council is exercised in part by teachers who have the right to participate in the Teaching Council elections.
- To give effect to this principle, the Teaching Council must do its best to ensure that the elections are conducted in a fair and impartial way and that teachers have the opportunity to exercise their voting right free from improper influences.
- The purpose of the Code is to set out some commonsense principles and standards to assist with maintaining the highest level of integrity in relation to the Teaching Council elections.
- The objective of the Code is to allow candidates to vigorously put their views to teachers with a minimum of restriction while still:
 - ensuring that campaigning by candidates for the Governing Council is carried out in an honest and fair way
 - protecting the interests of the Teaching Council and its ability to achieve its purpose
 - protecting the standing and reputation of its Governing Council members, employees, and teachers
- The Code is not intended to discourage fair and truthful comment and debate.

Terms of the Code

In meeting the above objectives, the following represent minimum standards which must be adhered to by candidates during the period beginning from the time a candidate's nomination is sent to the returning officer and ending on completion of the relevant elections.

- Generally, candidates must provide teachers with truthful and fair campaigns and conduct themselves in a manner conducive to a civil, issue-orientated exchange with their fellow candidates.
- Candidates must act in good faith and in what they honestly believe to be in the best interests of the Teaching Council.
- Generally, candidates are expected to focus on:
 - issues affecting the ability of the Teaching Council to carry out its stated purpose and objectives
 - the expertise and attributes that they will bring to the position of Governing Council member rather than on the personalities of other candidates or existing Governing Council members.
- Each candidate must do all the following:
 - Be respectful of other candidates and not make any statements relating to other candidates that are defamatory.
 - Keep all the Teaching Council's confidential information confidential.
 - Promote compliance, and comply in all respects, with the Rules.
 - Report to the returning officer any breaches known to them of the Rules or this document.
 - Refer all media enquiries about the elections to the returning officer.

- Candidates must not do any of the following:
 - Make any statements that undermine the integrity of the election process.
 - Make any media statement about the returning officer or the conduct of the elections.
 - Carry out or participate in any action or make any statement that might cause harm or loss to the Teaching Council.
 - Carry out or participate in any action or make any statement that might bring the Teaching Council, or any Governing Council member, employee or teacher into disrepute.
 - Except as expressly permitted by the Teaching Council, use any property or resources of the Teaching Council for campaign purposes. This includes using images of premises, logos, brands and other intellectual property.
 - Misrepresent, or mislead teachers as to their qualifications, position or experience.
 - Misrepresent, or mislead teachers as to the qualifications, position or experience of other candidates.
 - Offer or imply any inducement to any teacher in exchange for that teacher's vote.

Any queries on the Code must be directed to the returning officer.



6. FAQs about the election

What are the key election dates?

- Initial notice emailed to registered members on Friday, 25 October 2024.
- Nominations open on Friday, 25 October 2024.
- Nominations close at 12:00pm on Monday, 30 December 2024.
- Cut-off date for electoral roll is Friday, 24 January 2025.
- Voting information emailed and posted on Wednesday, 5 February 2025.
- Voting closes at 12:00pm on Friday, 28 February 2025.
- Results will be declared on the afternoon of Friday, 28 February 2025.

When I receive my initial notice of voting email what do I do?

- The initial notice of voting email is to alert you that there is going to be elections for Governing Council members representing seven sectors between 5 February 2025 and 12:00pm 28 February 2025 and that nominations are open.
- If you do not receive this notice, check that the Teaching Council has an up-to-date email address for you.
- If you would like to stand for election or nominate someone to stand for election, you will need to complete the relevant nomination form for your sector.
- You can contact the returning officer on the Election Helpline 0800 922 822 or by email at info@electionservices.co.nz.

How do I change my details?

- Please log into [Hapori Matatū](#) to change your details. Use the [Hapori Matatū User Guide](#) if you need help updating your details.

Who is the returning officer and what is their role?

- The appointed returning officer is Dale Ofsoske from Election Services. The returning officer is responsible for:
 - issuing election notices
 - preparing the electoral roll
 - designing nomination and voting material
 - notifying the list of candidates
 - issuing the voting documents
 - processing votes
 - destroying the voting documents after the prescribed period of time has elapsed.

Why would I need to contact the returning officer?

- The returning officer is available to assist with any questions about standing for elections or the election process. You can contact the returning officer on the Election Helpline 0800 922 822 or by email at info@electionservices.co.nz.
- If you would like to request a nomination paper or voting documents.
- If your details were out-of-date and you did not receive the information issued.
- If you have an issue or a concern with an aspect of the election.

How can I get a nomination paper?

- You will have received an email from Election Services on Friday, 25 October 2024, with a link to the nomination material.
- Alternatively, you can go to <http://www.electionservices.co.nz/teachingcouncil/> from Friday, 25 October 2024 to obtain a nomination paper.
- Nominations for the Governing Council elections can be completed and submitted online.
- If you wish to submit a nomination online, you will need to:
 - create an account and log in
 - select the sector you wish to stand for
 - follow the instructions to complete and submit your nomination. Please note:
 - you will not be able to submit your nomination online, until your nominator and seconder have signed and agreed to nominate you, and all mandatory fields have been completed
 - once you have submitted your nomination, you will not be able to edit it.
- You can contact the returning officer on the Election Helpline 0800 922 822 or by email at nominations@electionservices.co.nz.

Who is eligible to nominate a candidate?

- A candidate must be nominated and seconded by two people who are entitled to vote (on the Teaching Council electoral roll) and are currently (or most recently) employed in the same sector as the candidate they are nominating.

Who is entitled to vote?

- A person is entitled to vote for candidates in the sector they work in, if their name is on the electoral roll.
- However, a person may not vote for a candidate in a sector unless, when they vote, they make a declaration to the returning officer that they are entitled to vote in that sector because:
 - they are a registered teacher or a current Limited Authority to Teach (LAT) holder
 - where applicable, they hold a current practising certificate
 - they are currently (or most recently) employed in that sector.

What happens if there is only one nomination for a given sector?

- If this happens then, providing the nomination is valid, the candidate will be declared elected unopposed, and no election will be required for that sector.

What happens if there are no nominations for a sector?

- The election for that sector would be readvertised, until either only one nomination is received or an election is held.

I am a newly registered teacher - can I vote?

- Yes, if as at the cut-off date of 24 January 2025 you can confirm that you will be registered and hold a current practising certificate on election day (28 February 2025), you will be eligible to vote.

I have recently retired (or I have recently left the teaching profession), but I am registered and hold a current practising certificate - can I vote?

- Yes, if as at the cut-off date of 24 January 2025 you can confirm that you will be registered and hold a current practising certificate on election day (28 February 2025), you will be eligible to vote. You will be asked to declare which sector you most recently worked in.

I am out of New Zealand during the voting period - how can I vote?

- If the Teaching Council has your current email address, you will receive your voting documents and voting information by email. As long as you have access to your email while overseas then you will be able to vote online.

Can I vote online?

- Yes, online voting is the preferred method of voting. Please ensure the Teaching Council has an up-to-date email address for you.

How do I check if I am registered and hold a current practising certificate?

- Go to the Teaching Council website and look up the online register at www.teachingcouncil.nz.
- Your centre, kura or school should also have a record of your practising certificate expiry date.
- All enquiries about current registration or applications for registration should be sent to teachingservice@teachingcouncil.nz.

I am primary trained but have been working for the last few years in the secondary sector. Which sector do I vote in?

- You should vote in the sector you are working in.

I am a registered teacher, but I do not have a current practising certificate. Can I vote?

- The only sector you can vote in if you do not hold a current practising certificate or Limited Authority to Teach (LAT) is the teacher educator sector. However, you must be working in that sector to be able to vote.

Can candidates provide profile statements?

- Yes, a candidate resumé must be completed with the nomination, and candidates are encouraged to also supply a profile statement of up to 150 words and a recent photograph.
- It is not mandatory for a candidate to supply a profile statement and photograph.
- The candidate profile statements will be subject to review by the returning officer who will not accept any statement that is derogatory or defamatory or could cause confusion to voters.
- The candidate profile statements will be collated by the returning officer and forwarded to eligible voters with the voting documents and included on the online voting site.

How many candidates can I vote for?

- One, in the sector that you currently or have most recently worked in. However as Single Transferable Vote is the voting system used, you'll be able to rank as little as one candidate, based on your preferred candidate, or you can rank all candidates in the sector you're voting in.
- One member will be elected from each of the seven sectors:
 - Early childhood education teachers.
 - Early childhood education service leaders.
 - Primary teachers.
 - Primary principals.
 - Secondary teachers.
 - Secondary principals.
 - Teacher educators.

If I'm a candidate is there a limit on election campaign expenditure?

- No, there is no limit on the amount you can spend.

What happens if I change my mind and want to withdraw as a candidate?

- A candidate may, at any time before election day, withdraw their candidacy from the election by written notice to the returning officer. However, if they withdraw after Wednesday, 5 February 2025 (when voting commences), it will not be possible to remove their name from the voting site. Any votes received for a candidate who has withdrawn, but whose name is still on the voting site, will not be counted and voters' subsequent preferences will be valid.

What voting system will be used for the election?

- The voting system will be Single Transferable Vote, which requires you (the voter) to rank the candidates in the order of your preference (i.e. placing a 1 in the box next to your first preference, a 2 next to your second preference, and so on).

What voting method will be used?

- The voting method will be online voting. Voting information will be emailed to eligible voters on Wednesday, 5 February 2025.
- Provision is also made for postal voting in certain circumstances.

When and where will the votes be counted?

- Votes will be captured and processed during the voting period (in the presence of a Justice of the Peace), but the counting (or tallying) of votes will happen once voting closes (12:00pm Friday, 28 February 2025).
- The processing of votes will take place in the offices of Election Services in Auckland.
- Results will be placed on the Teaching Council website, www.teachingcouncil.nz, as soon as possible after the close of voting (expected to be approximately 7:00pm Friday, 28 February 2025).

If I'm a candidate, can I appoint a scrutineer?

- Yes, each candidate may appoint one scrutineer. Appointment must be in writing prior to Friday, 24 January 2025.
- Scrutineers can observe the counting of preferences, but only after voting closes at 12:00pm, Friday 28 February 2025.

If you have any other questions relating to the elections, please contact the Election Helpline: 0800 922 822 or email: info@electionservices.co.nz.

7. Campaigning, electoral roll and results

Campaigning

- The elections will be held under the Single Transferable Vote system by online voting.
- Election campaigning can commence at any time after 25 October 2024.
- No election material can contain any untrue statement, be defamatory of any candidate or calculated to influence the vote of any elector.
- No election material may contain an imitation voting document, which has the names of the candidates with any direction or indication as to the candidate a person should vote for, or in any way contain such direction or indication likely to influence the voter.
- Postal voting documents are not permitted to be collected from electors by candidates or persons on their behalf. Each elector is required to post or deliver their own voting document to the returning officer.
- Candidates should also be aware that there is a Code in place for the elections.
- Candidates must comply with the Code (see section 5 of this handbook).
- Any acts committed by candidates that are in breach of the Code may result in their disqualification from the elections.
- Any acts committed by candidates that constitute criminal offences will be referred to the police for their action.

Electoral roll

The electoral roll will contain a searchable database of eligible voters and will be available to view on the Teaching Council website (www.teachingcouncil.nz) from Friday, 24 January 2025.

Results

The Teaching Council will be notified of the election results as soon as practicable after the close of voting on Friday, 28 February 2025, expected to be by 7:00pm.

The election results will be placed on the Teaching Council website: www.teachingcouncil.nz.

8. Scrutineers

Rules

Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand
Election Rules 2021.

Part 7

Processing preferences

25 Candidate may appoint scrutineer

- Each candidate may, by written notice to the returning officer at least seven working days before the commencement of the voting period, appoint one scrutineer.
- The role of a scrutineer is to observe the counting of preferences.
- A candidate in the elections may not be a scrutineer in those elections.

Processing of votes

The Rules allow candidates to appoint scrutineers to oversee certain parts of the vote processing. A form to appoint a scrutineer can be obtained from Election Services by emailing info@electionservices.co.nz.

For this election, the returning officer (with the staff at Election Services) will process and capture votes during the voting period under the supervision of a Justice of the Peace in the offices of Election Services, at Level 2, 198 Federal Street, Auckland.

Most votes will be received by online voting, as the majority of eligible voters will have the election voting information emailed to them.

Provision is also made for postal voting in certain circumstances.

Returned postal voting documents will also be processed (batched, opened, checked, scanned/captured twice and reconciled) during the voting period.

A Justice of the Peace will be present to ensure the accuracy and secrecy of the voting process is maintained at all times and will sign a declaration at the end of the process declaring all processes have been undertaken correctly.

It is expected that most of the votes will be captured/processed by the close of voting on Friday, 28 February 2025.



9. Governing Council structure

Structure

The Governing Council comprises 13 members as follows:

- Six members appointed by the Minister of Education in accordance with Section 476 of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the Act).
- Seven elected members, being:
 - one teacher representing the early childhood education sector, elected by teachers from that sector
 - one early childhood education service leader, representing leadership in the early childhood education sector, elected by leaders from that sector
 - one teacher representing the primary education sector, elected by teachers from that sector
 - one principal representing the primary education sector, elected by principals from that sector
 - one teacher representing the secondary education sector, elected by teachers from that sector
 - one principal representing the secondary education sector, elected by principals from that sector
 - one teacher educator, elected by registered teachers working in the fields of initial and ongoing teacher education.

Each of the elected members must be a registered teacher holding a current practising certificate, except the teacher educator, who need not hold a current practising certificate but must:

- be a registered teacher
- have five or more years of experience in the field of initial teacher education or ongoing teacher education, or both
- be currently working in one of those fields.

The Minister must appoint one of the members appointed or elected as chairperson and may appoint one of the members appointed or elected as deputy chairperson.

Purpose

Functions (section 479 of the Act)

The functions of the Teaching Council are as follows:

- To provide leadership to teachers and direction for the education profession.
- To enhance the status of teachers and education leaders.
- To identify and disseminate best practice in teaching and leadership and foster the education profession's continued development in light of research, and evidence of changes in society and technology.
- To carry out the functions under Schedule 3 of the Act relating to teacher registration.
- To establish and maintain any criteria for teacher registration under Schedule 3 of the Act that the Teaching Council considers necessary or desirable.
- To review, at any time, the criteria for teacher registration established under paragraph (e) and, after consulting the Minister:
 - vary, delete, or replace one or more of the criteria
 - add one or more criteria
 - delete all of the criteria and substitute new criteria.
- To establish and maintain standards for qualifications that lead to teacher registration.
- To review, at any time, the standards for qualifications established under paragraph (g) and, after consulting the Minister:
 - vary, delete, or replace one or more of the standards
 - add one or more standards
 - delete all of the standards and substitute new standards.
- To conduct, in conjunction with quality assurance agencies, approvals of teacher education programmes.

- To establish and maintain:
 - standards for ongoing practice
 - criteria for the issue of practising certificates of different kinds.
- To establish and maintain a code of conduct for teachers under section 485 of the Act.
- To monitor and enforce the requirements relating to mandatory reporting in this subpart and Schedule 3.
- To perform the disciplinary functions in this subpart relating to teacher misconduct and reports of teacher convictions.
- To set the criteria for reporting serious misconduct and for reporting on competence issues.
- To perform the functions in this subpart relating to teacher competence.
- To co-ordinate a system providing for the vetting by the police of all teachers.
- To perform any other functions conferred on it by the Act or any other enactment.



10. Reference



Returning Officer

Dale Ofoske, Election Services

Election Services: Level 2, 198 Federal Street,
Auckland

Postal Address: PO Box 5135, Victoria Street West,
Auckland 1142

Phone: (09) 973 5212 or 0800 922 822

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