

Consultation on proposed changes to Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand Fees

Proposed Professional Responsibility Levy

Both proposed options include a Professional Responsibility levy of \$135 in the total fee which represents the current cost of operating the mandated conduct and disciplinary processes under the current legislation and [Teaching Council Rules 2016](#). This approach reflects our view that teaching professionals collectively have the greatest ability to influence positive changes in regard to conduct and competence matters within the teaching profession.

Other professional bodies have chosen to charge a separate disciplinary levy that reflects the actual costs of dealing with complaints and disciplinary matters. The Teaching Council is not proposing such a separate fee but is proposing to clearly identify the current professional responsibility (teacher conduct and competence) costs within the total fee proposed.

The Teaching Council is currently undertaking work to review the reasonableness of the current threshold for serious misconduct under the legislation and Teaching Council Rules in case law reform is needed. *If the current threshold was to change or where the costs associated with the Teaching Council's Professional Responsibility functions were to materially reduce, we would seek to transparently pass those savings on to teachers through a reduction in fees in subsequent years.*