

**BEFORE THE NEW ZEALAND TEACHERS DISCIPLINARY
TRIBUNAL**


UNDER the Education Act 1989 and the New
Zealand Teachers Council (Conduct)
Rules 2004

IN THE MATTER of a Practice Note

1. This Practice Note is to come into effect on 1 July 2014.
2. From 1 July 2014 the New Zealand Teachers Council (Conduct) Rules 2004 are to be amended. From that date, the default position will be that Tribunal hearings are conducted in public, and the names of teachers who are the subject of those proceedings are published. This practice note is issued in anticipation of that change.
3. Pursuant to rules 26 and 32, the Tribunal hereby issues the following directions:
 - 3.1. In each case the Complaints Assessment Committee is to ensure that the originating documentation – Notice of Charge or Notice of Referral – includes a clear reference to this Practice Note.
 - 3.2. Unless the Tribunal or the Chairman orders otherwise, no earlier than 15 working days after service of the originating documentation, the Secretariat is to publish a list of forthcoming cases identifying only the names of the

Complainant and the Respondent and the place, date and time of the hearing.

- 3.3 The 15 day period is to ensure that the Respondent has an adequate opportunity to make an application for the suppression of any details of the case including his or her name.
 - 3.4 Any such application is to be made by notice of application and supported as necessary by affidavit evidence. At the Chairman's discretion, informal applications which do not comply with those requirements may be considered.
 - 3.5 Upon any such application being made, an interim order may be issued for the suppression of the relevant information until the application is disposed of.
 - 3.6 In the event of such an interim order being granted, unless the Tribunal orders otherwise, the Secretariat may nevertheless publish the place, date and time of the hearing, without reference to any details of the case which have been suppressed.
4. No information relating to upcoming cases is to be released to any party except as required by this Practice Note or pursuant to further order of the Tribunal or the Chairman.


Kenneth Johnston
Chairman