The Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP) & Tertiary Education Strategy (TES)

The Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP) and the Tertiary Education Strategy (TES) are issued under the Education and Training Act 2020.

The NELP must be consistent with the objectives for education. These are: helping children and young people to attain their educational potential; preparing young

people for participation in civic and community life and for work, and promoting resilience, determination, confidence, creative and critical thinking, good social skills and the ability to form good relationships; and helping children and young people to appreciate diversity, inclusion and Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The TES must set out the Government's long-term strategic direction for tertiary education, including economic, social, and environmental goals, and the development aspirations of Māori and other population groups.

One of the purposes of the Act is to establish and regulate an education system that honours Te Tiriti o Waitangi and supports Māori-Crown relationships. Section 9 sets out the main provisions of the Act in relation to the Crown's responsibility to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. These provisions include obligations in relation to Te Tiriti o Waitangi for school boards, tertiary education institutions and education agencies.

OBJECTIVE

LEARNERS AT THE CENTRE

Learners with their whānau are at the centre of education

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BARRIER FREE ACCESS

Great education opportunities and outcomes are within reach for every learner

OBJECTIVE 3

QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

Quality teaching and leadership make the difference for learners and their whānau овјестіче

FUTURE OF LEARNING AND WORK

Learning that is relevant to the lives of New Zealanders today and throughout their lives

OBJECTIVE 5

WORLD CLASS INCLUSIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION

New Zealand education is trusted and sustainable

Ensure places of learning are safe, inclusive and free from racism, discrimination and bullying

Have high aspirations for every learner/ākonga, and support these by partnering with their whānau and communities to design and deliver education that responds to their needs, and sustains their identities, languages and cultures

- Reduce barriers to education for all, including for Māori and Pacific learners/ākonga, disabled learners/ākonga and those with learning support needs
- Ensure every learner/ ākonga gains sound foundation skills, including language*, literacy and numeracy
- Oral language encompasses any method of communication the learner/ākonga uses as a first language, including New Zealand sign language

Meaningfully incorporate te reo Māori and tikanga Māori into the everyday life of the place of learning

Develop staff to strengthen teaching, leadership and learner support capability across the education workforce

7 Collaborate with industries and employers to ensure learners/ ākonga have the skills, knowledge and pathways to succeed in work

8 Enhance the contribution of research and mātauranga Māori in addressing local and global challenges (TES ONLY)

The NELP and TES are statutory documents enabled by the Education and Training Act 2020 that set out the Government's priorities for education. This document forms both the NELP (priorities 1-7) and the TES (priorities 1-8).

Some aspects of these priorities will be more applicable to one sector than others.

The NELP is designed to guide those who govern licensed early learning services, ngā kōhanga reo, schools and kura.

In particular, licensed early learning services are required to have regard to the NELP as part of the Governance, Management and Administration (GMA) Standard. Boards of schools and kura must have particular regard to the NELP, including when developing or renewing their charters.

The TES sets the direction for tertiary education. Tertiary Education Organisations are required to show how they have regard for the TES. The Tertiary Education Commission must give effect to the TES, and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority must have regard for the TES.



The Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (the NELP) is a set of priorities designed to guide those who govern licensed early learning services, including ngā kōhanga reo, to focus their day-to-day work on things that will have a significant positive impact for children and young people. The priorities can be used alongside the service's own local priorities, to help every learner/ākonga to progress and achieve their aspirations.



The Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008 require licensed early learning service providers to have regard to the NELP as part of the Governance, Management and Administration (GMA) Standard.

Licensing criteria will be amended to align with and support the GMA Standard.

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ਿਤੇਨੇ Actions for early learning	Ensure places of learning are safe, inclusive and free	2 Have high aspirations for every learner/ākonga, and support	Reduce barriers to education for all, including for Māori	4 Ensure every learner/ākonga gains sound foundation skills,	5 Meaningfully incorporate te reo Māori and tikanga Māori	6 Develop staff to strengthen teaching, leadership and	7 Collaborate with industries and employers to ensure	8 Enhance the contribution of research and mātauranga
	from racism, discrimination and bullying	these by partnering with their whānau and communities to design and deliver education that responds to their needs, and sustains their identities, languages and cultures	and Pacific learners/ākonga, disabled learners/ākonga and those with learning support needs	including language, literacy and numeracy	into the everyday life of the place of learning	learner support capability across the education workforce	learners/ākonga have the skills, knowledge and pathways to succeed in work	Māori in addressing local and global challenges (TES ONLY)
	Ask learners/ākonga, whānau and staff about their experience of racism, discrimination and bullying, and use that	Partner with family and whānau to equip every learner/ākonga to build and realise their aspirations	Make use of targeted Ministry of Education funding to reduce parental fees and help address other financial barriers, such as food, clothing and transport, and support whānau and Pacific families to apply for funding available to reduce the costs of early childhood education Ensure disabled learners/ākonga and staff, those with learning support needs, and neurodiverse learners/ākonga, are safe and included in their early learning service, and their needs are supported Work with whānau and Pacific families to identify and understand barriers that may prevent learners/ākonga from accessing and participating in early learning	Build on the language learning, literacy, and numeracy practices learners/ākonga experience in their own home or community, including dual or multi-lingual households, and value the cultural knowledge each child and their whānau bring to literacy education Offer multiple opportunities for interaction and conversation - regularly conversing with individual or small groups of learners/ākonga using descriptive vocabulary, reading stories together, playing verbal games or singing waiata to support their language development; and incorporate regular opportunities for learners/ākonga to explore symbols from their own and other cultures, including mathematical symbols	Seek advice from Māori on how best to include tikanga Māori in values, practices and organisational culture	Identify gaps in teaching capability and invest in opportunities for teachers/ kaiako, educators and staff to strengthen teaching, leadership and learning support Develop teacher/kaiako confidence and competence to teach diverse learners/ākonga with varying needs, and to appropriately modify teaching approaches	No actions for early learning services	
	Have processes in place to promptly address and resolve any complaints or concerns about racism, discrimination and bullying Create a safe and inclusive culture where diversity is valued and all learners/ākonga and staff, including those who identify as LGBTQIA+, are disabled, have learning support needs, are neurodiverse, or from diverse ethnic communities, feel they belong	Help staff to build their awareness of bias and low expectations, and of how these impact learners/ākonga, staff and whānau			Provide opportunities for teachers/kaiako and educators to build their teaching capability, knowledge and skills in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori, and support them to strengthen their teaching practices to integrate te reo Māori throughout implementation of			
		Identify and respond to learner/ ākonga strengths, progress and needs, and learner/ākonga and whānau aspirations						
		Build relationships with Māori, involve them in decision making, and partner with them to support rangatiratanga, and Māori educational success as Māori			Talk with learners/ākonga and staff about why correct pronunciation of te reo Māori is important, and provide them with opportunities to learn and practice without judgement	Expect and support teachers/ kaiako to build their understanding of learners'/ ākonga contexts, including languages spoken at home, histories, stories and cultural values, to provide culturally responsive teaching		
				Provide consistency of teachers/ kaiako, educators and caregivers, so young learners/ākonga can develop attachment and positive relationships to support learning				

and wellbeing

Implementation of the Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities in licensed early learning services (continued)

OBJECTIVE 1 OBJECTIVE 2 OBJECTIVE 3 OBJECTIVE 4 OBJECTIVE 5 WORLD CLASS **FUTURE OF LEARNING LEARNERS AT BARRIER QUALITY TEACHING INCLUSIVE PUBLIC AND WORK THE CENTRE AND LEADERSHIP FREE ACCESS EDUCATION** Learning that is relevant to the lives Learners with their whānau are Great education opportunities and outcomes Quality teaching and leadership make the **New Zealand** of New Zealanders today and difference for learners and their whānau at the centre of education are within reach for every learner education is trusted throughout their lives and sustainable 2 3 5 6 4 8 Ensure places of learning Have high aspirations for every Reduce barriers to education Ensure every learner/ākonga Meaningfully incorporate Develop staff to strengthen Collaborate with industries Enhance the contribution of are safe, inclusive and free for all, including for Māori te reo Māori and tikanga Māori learner/ākonga, and support gains sound foundation skills. teaching, leadership and and employers to ensure from racism, discrimination these by partnering with their and Pacific learners/ākonga, including language, literacy into the everyday life of the learner support capability learners/ākonga have 1āori in addressing local and lobal challenges (TES ONLY) Actions Government of the NELP in early whānau and communities to disabled learners/ākonga and bullying and numeracy place of learning across the education the skills, knowledge and design and deliver education and those with learning workforce pathways to succeed in work that responds to their needs, support needs and sustains their identities, languages and cultures Delivering Te Hurihanganui to Investing in professional learning Support places of learning to build Developing tools to support kaiako Allocating \$100 million to Extending Te Ahu o te reo Māori Begin initial work to co-construct a address racism, strengthen equity to support the education workforce and development to raise critical their capability to identify and and teachers' understanding support Kōhanga Reo and revitalise range of tools to help early learning and accelerate the educational consciousness and support understand learner/ākonga needs of children's learning progress, te reo Māori to integrate te reo Māori into kaiako to understand and respond t is taking / learning s achievement and wellbeing of Māori cultural capabilities, including and barriers to success. including for early learning, school to children's progress their practice Allocating \$200 million to support learners/ākonga and their whānau Te Hurihanganui and kura entry assessment, and Funding innovative Pacific ākonga Māori and whānau to Providing professional learning social-emotional learning along reconnect and succeed in education Implement the actions committed Support education services to education initiatives designed and/ and development (PLD), guidance the pathways to in the Action Plan for Pacific develop their capability to engage or delivered by educators, and post COVID-19 and strengthen the and support to strengthen the integration of te reo Māori into all Education with Māori learners/ākonga and education providers that respond governance and management of whānau in partnership to curriculum and wellbeing needs students' learning Pacific early learning centres Investing in and supporting the exacerbated by COVID-19 development of programmes and Deliver Talanoa Ako programme to Strengthening the delivery of Extend the PELP (Pacific Early pathways for learning in Pacific support Pacific families Funding Pacific community Māori Language in Education, Literacy Projects) and realm languages organisations and groups to including support for the education languages projects into early Developing professional learning respond to the education and workforce, resource development. learning services to help teachers Allocating \$50 million to resources based on the Tapasā: wellbeing needs of Pacific families and information for learners/ākonga and families grow Pasifika children's provide immediate support for Cultural competencies framework and to support them to maintain and their whānau language and early literacy any learning, social and emotional, for teachers of Pacific learners strong relationships with education capabilities mental, behavioural or other Delivering Kauwhata Reo, the online providers Supporting the development of hub for te reo Māori resources, and Increasing qualification wellbeing issues for learners/ ākonga in early learning services, programmes and pathways for Establishing a joint initiative the development of localised te reo requirements for home-based learning in Pacific languages between Education, Health and Māori curriculum resources through educators, and the re-introduction schools and kura, as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown, or lockdown-Social Development to support Te Aho Ngārahu of the 100% certificated funding Developing tools for rich records related hardships Pacific families to access the band, in early childhood education Implement Ka Hikitia and develop of learning which are collaboratively services they need to thrive. generated with learners/ākonga Establishing Curriculum Leads to skills and capacity in the education Allocating funding for ECE pay support early learning services, and their families/whānau to Reviewing equity A and B and workforce increases capture aspirations, strengths and schools and kura with the teaching targeted funding for disadvantage Reinstating the 100% certificated of mental health and healthy learning progress in ECE teacher funding band from 1 relationships and promote learner/ Strengthen early identification of January 2021 ākonga wellbeing learning support needs through the Developing an oral language development of screening tools resource to support early learning Reduce waiting times for existing kaiako to enhance children's early interventions and Improving oral language learning and early intervention for young children development. and their family and whānau

Implementation of the Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities in schools and kura



The Statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (the NELP) is a set of priorities designed to guide those who govern schools and kura (state, state integrated, and private), to focus their day-to-day work on things that will have a significant positive impact for children and young people. The priorities can be used alongside their own local priorities, and in conjunction with delivering a rich local curriculum, to help every learner/ākonga to progress and achieve their aspirations.



Boards of schools and kura must have particular regard to the NELP, including when developing or renewing their charters, for example by ensuring their strategic goals align to the NELP priorities.

Managers of private schools must have regard to the NELP in the operation of their school, and ensure that the school's principal and staff have regard to the NELP when developing and delivering the curriculum.

On 1 January 2023 the National Education Goals (NEGs) and National Administration Guidelines (NAGs) will be replaced by a new strategic planning and reporting framework. This framework will have a clear link to the NELP, and governing bodies will have to report on their engagement with the priorities in their strategic plans. More information on this will be provided closer to the time.

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Ask learners/ākonga, whānau and staff about their experience of racism, discrimination and bullying, and use that information to reduce these behaviours

for schools and

Have processes in place to promptly address and resolve any complaints or concerns about racism, discrimination and bullying

Create a safe and inclusive culture where diversity is valued and all learners/ākonga and staff, including those who identify as LGBTQIA+, are disabled, have learning support needs, are neurodiverse, or from diverse ethnic communities, feel they belong

Partner with family and whānau to equip every learner/ākonga to build and realise their aspirations

Help staff to build their awareness of bias and low expectations, and of how these impact learners/ākonga, staff and whānau

Identify and respond to learner/ ākonga strengths, progress and needs, and learner/ākonga and whānau aspirations

Build relationships with Māori, involve them in decision making, and partner with them to support rangatiratanga, and Māori educational success as Māori

Collaborate with Māori communities to invest in, develop and deliver Māorimedium learning Work with whānau and Pacific families to identify and understand barriers that may prevent learners/ākonga from accessing, participating or remaining engaged in schooling, and work to address them

Ensure disabled learners/ākonga and staff, those with learning support needs, gifted learners/ākonga, and neurodiverse learners/ākonga are safe and included in their school or kura, their needs are supported, and that learning support programmes are robust and effective

Where possible, reduce non-fee costs, including costs associated with BYOD² policies, and take advantage of policies to reduce financial dependence on families and whānau

Ensure all learners/ākonga have ongoing opportunities to develop key capabilities, including communication, problem solving, critical thinking and interpersonal skills

Identify learners/ākonga who are not making sufficient progress in key foundation skills, and adjust learning opportunities, teaching approaches and supports, including seeking additional support from specialists

Value the heritage languages spoken by Pacific learners/ ākonga, and provide opportunities to use and to build on them Seek advice from Māori on how best to include tikanga Māori in values, practices and organisational culture

Use development opportunities for teachers/kaiako and leaders to build their teaching capability, knowledge and skills in te reo Māori and tikanga Māori

Talk with learners/ākonga and staff about why correct pronunciation of te reo Māori is important, and provide them with opportunities to learn and practice without judgement Identify gaps in teaching capability and invest in opportunities for teachers/ kaiako and staff to strengthen teaching, leadership and learning support

Develop teacher/kaiako confidence and competence to teach diverse learners/ākonga with varying needs, and to appropriately modify teaching approaches

Expect and support teachers/kaiako to build their understanding of learners'/ākonga contexts, including languages spoken at home, histories, stories and cultural values, to provide culturally responsive teaching

Support learners/ākonga to see the connection between what they're learning and the world of work

Break down ethnic, gender and socioeconomic stereotypes around education and career pathways, including for girls and young women

Collaborate with industries, employers and tertiary education providers to plan for successful transitions to enable all learners/ākonga to succeed in education

2 Bring your own device

OBJECTIVE 2

local curriculum

transition to employment

relationships and promote learner/

ākonga wellbeing

OBJECTIVE 1

OBJECTIVE 4

OBJECTIVE 3

OBJECTIVE 5