

24 June 2024



Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 31 May 2024, under the Official Information Act 1982.

To provide you with the best information available we have reinterpreted your questions. We have set out our interpretations and corresponding responses below.

1. Is the qualification standard pathway for all 482 applicants holding a Bachelor of Education from Indian universities, who have achieved positive teaching assessments from January 1, 2020, to May 13, 2024, sufficiently covering the grade ranges within the New Zealand secondary sector?

Interpretation

Did all 482 positive initial teaching education (ITE) evaluation outcomes of the Bachelor of Education degrees from Indian universities (from 1 January 2020 to 13 May 2024) sufficiently cover the full New Zealand secondary school grade and/or age range?

Response:

No, Bachelor of Education degrees from Indian universities did not cover the full New Zealand secondary school grade and/or age range.

However, all 482 applications with a Bachelor of Education degree from an Indian university did meet the New Zealand ITE requirements based on the evaluation guidelines at the time.

2. Have there been any alterations to the evaluation standards for achieving a positive teaching assessment in the secondary sector from NZQA for the Bachelor of Education offered by Indian Universities from January 1, 2020, to 13 May 2024, or have they remained unchanged? If there have been any alterations to the evaluation standards for achieving a positive teaching assessment in the secondary sector from NZQA for the Bachelor of Education offered by Indian universities, from January 1, 2020, to May 13, 2024, please provide me with the details of those alterations.

In the above context, by *'positive teaching assessment'*, I am referring to eligibility for meeting the core knowledge requirement of a New Zealand initial teacher education program for teaching within the secondary sector.

Interpretation

What (if any) changes for ITE evaluations of Bachelor of Education degrees from Indian universities came into effect between 1 January 2020 to 13 May 2024?

Response:

NZQA updates evaluation standards and practices:

- through regular reviews
- if we become aware of regulation changes; or
- if further information about qualifications becomes available.

In 2021, it was identified that (within the primary and secondary education system in India) graduates with a Bachelor of Education (offered by Indian Universities) can only teach Upper Primary and Lower Secondary in India and must complete a Postgraduate/Master's degree qualification to be eligible to be appointed and teach Years 11 and Year 12 learners.

The Indian National Council for Teacher Education confirmed that the Bachelor of Education alone does not provide holders with sufficient competencies to teach the Senior Secondary Sector (Year 11 and year 12 learners) in India.

On 10 December 2021, the evaluation standards for Bachelor of Education qualifications from India were updated to:

“The Indian Bachelor of Education (and any other similar qualification as stipulated by the NCTE Regulations) cannot be considered as meeting the core knowledge requirements of a New Zealand initial teacher education programme (regardless of the pathway).”

The evaluation standards were updated after consultation with the Indian National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) and the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand (Teaching Council) determines if individuals meet the satisfactorily trained to teach requirements. Applicants with an evaluation outcome which states their qualification does meet the core knowledge requirements are advised to contact Teaching Council.

<https://teachingcouncil.nz/getting-certificated/for-overseas-trained-teachers/satisfactorily-trained-to-teach/>

References

The NCTE Determination of Qualifications for Recruitment of Teachers Regulation

- 2001: <https://ncte.gov.in/Website/NCTEACT12.aspx>
- 2014/2015 (current): https://ncte.gov.in/website/PDF/Minimum%20Qualification_2015.pdf
- The NCTE Norms and Standards for Secondary Teacher Education Programme:
- 2007: <http://14.139.60.153/bitstream/123456789/8683/1/National%20Council%20for%20Teacher%20Education%20%28Notification%29%2027%20Nov%202007%20%28Eng%29.pdf>
- 2014 (current): <https://web.archive.org/web/20150319050631/http://www.ncte-india.org/regulation2014/english/appendix4.pdf>

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