

24 June 2024



Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 10 June 2024, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

- 1. From 20 April 2024 to 30 April 2024, what is the count of applicants, possessing a Bachelor of Education credential from Indian universities, have attained positive teaching evaluation by NZQA for meeting the core knowledge requirement of a New Zealand initial teacher education program for teaching within the Secondary sector?*
- 2. From 1 May 2024 to 10 June 2024, what is the count of applicants, possessing a Bachelor of Education credential from Indian universities, have attained positive teaching evaluation by NZQA for meeting the core knowledge requirement of a New Zealand initial teacher education program for teaching within the Secondary sector?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

Since 10 December 2021, no International Qualification Assessment (IQA) application with a Bachelor of Education qualification from Indian universities met the core knowledge requirements of a New Zealand initial teacher education programme (regardless of the pathway) for teaching within the Secondary school sector.

NZQA updates evaluation standards and practices:

- through regular reviews
- if we become aware of regulation changes or
- if there is further information about qualifications.

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, and must complete a Postgraduate/Master's degree qualification to be eligible to be appointed and teach Year 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 not meet the core knowledge requirements are advised to contact the 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](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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Nāku nā



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