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Education Report: Amendment to the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020

Date:	11 March 2020	NZQA Priority:	High
Security Level:	In confidence	Report No.	CR20344

	Action sought	Deadline
Minister of Education	<p>a. note that the attached amendment to the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020 was approved by the NZQA Board Chair on 4 March 2020, and these amendments come into force on 9 March 2020 (the amendment does not require Ministerial sign off)</p> <p>b. note that Rules including amendments must be presented in the House of Representatives as disallowable instruments under section 41 of the Legislation Act 2012</p> <p>c. provide the amendment to the Rules to the Office of the Clerk (attention the Bills Office) for presenting in the House.</p>	For immediate tabling in Parliament

Enclosure: Rules

Round Robin: No

Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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Minister's Office to Complete:

Noted

Seen

Approved

Needs change

Withdrawn

Overtaken by Events

Referred to:

Comments:

Recommended Action

It is recommended that you:

- a. **note** that the attached amendment to the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020 was approved by the NZQA Board Chair on 4 March 2020, and these amendments come into force on 9 March 2020 (the amendment does not require Ministerial sign off)
- b. **note** that the Rules including amendments must be presented in the House of Representatives as disallowable instruments under section 41 of the Legislation Act 2012
- c. **provide** the amendment to the Rules to the Office of the Clerk (attention the Bills Office) for presenting in the House.



Karen Poutasi (Dr)
Chief Executive

11 March 2020

NOTED/APPROVED

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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Purpose of Report

1. This report provides an amendment to the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020 that was approved by the NZQA Board Chair on 4 March 2020, and asks that your office provide them to the Office of the Clerk (attention Bills Office) for presenting to the House of Representatives.

Background

2. The rules concern internal and external assessment in schools, at home, and in tertiary education organisations (who deliver externally assessed achievement standards).
3. Minor changes were required to the rules as outlined in the signed amendment which is in the attached schedule. The minor changes related to (i) implementing the decision made by Cabinet on 28 January 2020 making changes to New Zealand Scholarship increasing the number of award recipients, and (ii) corrects a cross-reference.

Authority for making the rules

4. NZQA may make rules under section 253 of the Education Act 1989. To be valid, the rules require the approval of the NZQA Board. The Board has delegated the approval authority to the Board Chair.
5. Under section 253(5) of the Education Act 1989, Ministerial approval is not required for rules made under section 253(1)(j), which relate to the conduct of assessments and examinations relating to any qualifications or awards for the purposes of the Qualifications Framework. The Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020 and this amendment to those Rules are both made under section 253(1)(j).
6. These amendment rules must be presented in the House of Representatives as a disallowable instrument under section 41 of that Legislation Act 2012. Ten copies must be provided to the Office of the Clerk (attention the Bills Office) for presenting in the House of Representatives.