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## Education Report: Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools 2020

Date:	7 January 2020	NZQA Priority:	High
Security Level:	In confidence	Report No.	CR19438

	Action sought	Deadline
Minister of Education	<p>a. <b>note</b> that the attached Rules (Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020; Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Home-Schooled Students 2020; and Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Tertiary Education Organisations with Consent to Assess Entering Candidates for Achievement Standards 2020), have been made by the NZQA Board as at 12 December 2019</p> <p>b. <b>note</b> that the Rules will be available on the NZQA website from 1 February 2020</p> <p>c. <b>note</b> that these Rules must be presented in the House of Representatives as disallowable instruments under section 41 of that Legislation Act 2012</p> <p>d. <b>provide</b> the Rules to the Office of the Clerk (attention the Bills Office) for presenting in the House</p> <p>e. <b>agree</b> that this report is proactively released as part of the publication of documents once the Rules are made available on the NZQA website.</p>	For tabling in Parliament in February 2020.

Enclosure: Rules

Round Robin: No

### Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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## Recommended Action

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It is recommended that you:

- a. **note** that the attached Rules have been made by the NZQA Board as at 12 December 2019:
  - i. Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020
  - ii. Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Home-Schooled Students 2020
  - iii. Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Tertiary Education Organisations with Consent to Assess Entering Candidates for Achievement Standards 2020
- b. **note** that the Rules will be available on the NZQA website from 1 February 2020
- c. **note** that these Rules must be presented in the House of Representatives as disallowable instruments under section 41 of that Legislation Act 2012
- d. **provide** the Rules to the Office of the Clerk (attention the Bills Office) for presenting in the House.

Proactive Release Recommendation

NZQA recommends that you:

- e. **agree** that this report is proactively released as part of the publication of documents once the Rules are made available on the NZQA website.



Alex Bidois  
Acting Chief Executive  
7 January 2020

NOTED/AGREED

Hon Chris Hipkins  
Minister of Education

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## **Education Report: Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools 2020**

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### **Purpose of Report**

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1. This report provides copies of the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools 2020 that were approved by the NZQA Board on 12 December 2019 and asks that your Office provide them to the Office of the Clerk (attention Bills Office) for presenting to the House of Representatives.

### **Background**

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2. The Rules concern internal and external assessment in schools, at home, and in tertiary education organisations (who deliver externally assessed achievement standards).
3. Changes are made at the end of each year to reflect current policy (and procedures). Following approval from the NZQA Board they must be made available on the NZQA website on 1 February the following year.
4. The assessment and examinations rules for 2020 are:
  - Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020
  - Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Home-Schooled Students 2020
  - Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Tertiary Education Organisations with Consent to Assess Entering Candidates for Achievement Standards 2020

### **Authority for making the rules**

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5. 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 Chair has delegated authority from the Board to approve these Rules.
6. Under section 253(5) of the Education Act 1989, Ministerial approval is not required for the Rules providing for the conduct of assessments and examinations relating to any qualifications or awards.
7. The Rules must be presented in the House of Representatives as disallowable instruments 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.