

Briefing Note

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Purpose

The purpose of this briefing is to provide an update on the Teaching Council's digital services platform for teachers (Hapori Matatū) and on progress towards the planned implementation of annual practising certificates and new registration / certification and other fees from 01 February 2021.

1. Hapori Matatū

Since its launch in May 2020 over 21,000 teachers have now used Hapori Matatū to apply to renew their practicing certificate online. Feedback from teachers on their experience using the new system shows that 65% think it was 'very easy' or 'easy' to use, and our system analytics show that it commonly takes teachers just 14 minutes to complete their online application, with many taking less than 10 minutes.

We would expect the time taken to complete a subsequent application to continue to drop, as we introduce planned enhancements to the user experience, teachers become more familiar with the system, and subsequent applications will not require re-entry of data as it will be saved each time and so only new or changed information will be required.


Over the next few weeks, we also expect to be able to expand the scope of online applications to include applications for registration / provisional certification from beginning teachers and overseas teachers, and Limited Authorities to Teach (LATs).

2. Update on annual certification and new fees

You will recall that on 30 April 2020, after an extensive consultation process with the teaching profession, that our governing Council made the decision to move to annual practising certificates and new fees for registration / certification effective from 01 February 2021. The Teaching Council is grateful for the \$16.5 million in funding provided by government to support the transition to an annual practising certificate fee.

Since May 2020 we have consulted with the profession to ensure that the design of annual certification will be no less onerous than triennial certification for teachers and professional leaders, supported by changes to the Registration policy and the development of Professional Growth Cycles in the place of annual appraisal.

We have also been working to make system changes to Hapori Matatū to enable the functional implementation of annual practising certificates, to enhance the application experience of teachers, and streamline the endorsement process for professional leaders.



While the timeframe has been tight, work has progressed well, and the Teaching Council will implement annual practising certificates and new registration / certification and other fees on Monday 01 February 2021 as anticipated.