



EDUCATION COUNCIL
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Teacher's Professional Learning and Development: Q&A

1 July 2017

Education Minister Nikki Kaye announced on July 1 2017 that the Government has decided to transfer responsibility for teachers' professional learning and development to the Education Council in January 2018.

The Council welcomes this opportunity to engage with the profession in its ongoing professional development, supporting our teachers to inspire and enable our learners to be successful.

- **When will PLD transfer to the Council?**

The transition to the Council will be from January 2018. Planning for the transition has commenced.

- **Will the Council be responsible for PLD for ECE too?**

The transfer from 1 January 2018 specifically refers to the PLD for Kahui Ako and schools. Any transfer of ECE specific PLD will be considered at a later date.

- **Will the Council be making changes to the PLD Design?**

The Council will implement the existing Policy for PLD. However it is in the early days of implementation and there will be ongoing improvements to how it is implemented. This would be the case regardless of which organization was managing PLD.

- **Will the Regional allocation panels continue?**

Yes

- **Will the PLD Implementation Reference Group continue?**

Yes. The Council welcomes the opportunity to engage with the profession on PLD implementation. We recognize the value of working with this group which has guided the implementation and changes to PLD. The work of the IRG over the coming months will focus on supporting the transition to the Council.

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The Council may set up other advisory groups too, to assist us to co-design how PLD will be implemented from 2018 onwards. As the professional body for teachers, the Council always works with the profession on any changes that are significant.

- **Does moving PLD to the Council mean that teachers practising certificate fees will now have to cover the cost?**

No. The cost of administering PLD is currently appropriated by the Crown. The Council will receive an amount of funding to cover the administration of PLD so that there is no cost to teachers.

- **How does this announcement impact on the Council's proposal for changes to fees?**

The announcement about PLD transferring to the Council does not affect the fees consultation.

- **Does the Council have the capacity to deliver PLD?**

Yes. The Council will continue to enhance its capacity as the transfer progresses.