

Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand Policy

Entry to Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma and Masters programmes for Initial Teacher Education

For New Zealand initial teacher education programmes approved by the Council these will be the required entry qualifications for graduate diplomas, postgraduate diplomas and masters programmes in each sector.

1. that the minimum entry level onto Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma and Master of/in Teaching (Early Childhood) and Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma and Master of/in Teaching (Primary) will be either:
 - a Bachelor's degree at level 7 on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) consisting of at least 360 credits; or
 - a Bachelor's degree with Honours at level 8 on the NZQF consisting of at least 480 credits; or
 - a Master's degree at level 9 on the NZQF consisting of 240 credits
2. that holders of a Teacher Registration Board or The Council approved diploma of teaching (Primary) may gain entry onto a Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma or Master of/in Teaching (Early Childhood).
3. that the minimum entry level onto Graduate Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma or Master of/in Teaching (Secondary) will be either:
 - a Bachelor's degree at level 7 on the NZQF consisting of at least 360 credits ; or
 - a Graduate Diploma /or a Diploma for Graduates at level 7 on the NZQF consisting of 120 credits; or
 - a Bachelor's degree with Honours at level 8 on the NZQF consisting of at least 480 credits; or
 - a Postgraduate Diploma at level 8 on the NZQF consisting of at least 120 credits; or
 - a Master's degree at level 9 on the NZQF consisting of 240 credits.

In each of the above secondary teaching options, the entry qualification will have papers to 300 or 400 level in a teaching subject appropriate to the secondary school curriculum.

Note: For international qualifications NZQA assessment of equivalency will determine the equivalent level on the NZQF.

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