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<b>The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:</b>	
<b>1 Title</b>	
This Act is the Education (Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand) Amendment Act <b>2017</b> .	
<b>2 Commencement</b>	5
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.	
<b>3 Principal Act</b>	
This Act amends the Education Act 1989 (the <b>principal Act</b> ).	
<b>Part 1</b>	10
<b>Amendments to principal Act</b>	
<b>4 Section 348 amended (Interpretation)</b>	
(1)	In section 348, repeal the definition of <b>Education Council</b> .
(2)	In section 348, insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:
	<b>Teaching Council</b> means the body continued and renamed the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand under <b>section 379(1)</b>
<b>4A Section 379 amended (Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand established)</b>	
(1)	Replace the heading to section 379 with “ <b>Continuation and renaming of Council</b> ”.
(2)	Replace section 379(1) with:
(1)	The body called the Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand—
(a)	is continued; and
(b)	is renamed the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.
<b>5 Section 380 replaced (Composition of Education Council)</b>	25
Replace section 380 with:	

**380 Composition of Teaching Council**

- (1) The Teaching Council comprises 13 members as follows:
- (a) 6 members appointed by the Minister in accordance with **clause 1 of Schedule 21**:
  - (b) 7 elected members, being— 5
    - (i) 1 teacher representing the early childhood education sector, elected by teachers from that sector; and
    - (ii) 1 teacher representing the primary education sector, elected by teachers from that sector; and
    - (iii) 1 teacher representing the secondary education sector, elected by teachers from that sector; and 10
    - (iv) 1 teacher educator, elected by registered teachers working in the fields of initial and ongoing teacher education; and
    - (v) 1 principal representing the primary education sector, elected by principals from that sector; and 15
    - (vi) 1 principal representing the secondary education sector, elected by principals from that sector; and
    - (vii) 1 early childhood education service leader, representing leadership in the early childhood education sector, elected by leaders from that sector. 20
- (1A) Each of the elected members must be a registered teacher holding a current practising certificate, except the teacher educator, who need not hold a current practising certificate but must—
- (a) be a registered teacher; and
  - (b) have 5 or more years of experience in the field of initial teacher education or ongoing teacher education, or both; and 25
  - (c) be currently working in one of those fields.
- (2) The Minister must appoint one of the members appointed or elected under this section as chairperson.
- (3) The elected members of the Teaching Council must be nominated and elected in accordance with rules made under section 388. 30
- (4) However,—
- (a) elections must be held at least 4 months before members take office; and
  - (b) the Teaching Council must provide confirmation of the election results to the Minister at least 3 months before members take office. 35
- (5) The electors specified in **subsection (1)(b)(i), (ii), (iii), (v), and (vi)** must be—
- (a) registered teachers with current practising certificates; or

- (b) currently authorised persons.
- (7) The electors specified in **subsection (1)(b)(vii)** must be early childhood education service leaders who are registered teachers with current practising certificates.
- 380A Term of office** 5
- (1) The term of office of every member is 3 years and—
- (a) an appointed member may be reappointed for 2 more terms; and
- (b) an elected member may be re-elected for 2 more terms.
- (2) The term of office of all members—
- (a) begins at the same time (when the term of office of their immediate predecessors expires); and 10
- (b) ends at the same time (when their term of office expires).
- 380B Removal of members**
- (1) The Minister may remove an appointed member of the Teaching Council under clause 3(1) of Schedule 21. 15
- (2) The Minister may remove an elected member of the Teaching Council under **clause 3(1A) of Schedule 21**.
- 5A Section 388 amended (Education Council to make rules)**
- Before section 388(1)(a), insert:
- (aaa) the conduct of elections for electing members to the Teaching Council, including the election process; and 20
- 5B Schedule 1 amended**
- In Schedule 1, after Part 5A, insert the **Part 5B** set out in **Schedule 1** of this Act.
- 6 Schedule 21 amended** 25
- (1) In the Schedule 21 heading, replace “**Education**” with “**Teaching**”.
- (2) In Schedule 21, replace clause 1 with the clause 1 set out in **Schedule 2** of this Act.
- (3) In Schedule 21, after clause 2(f), insert:
- (g) an elected member of the Teaching Council— 30
- (i) who ceases to be registered as a teacher; or
- (ii) who ceases to hold a current practising certificate; or
- (iii) whose registration as a teacher is suspended; or
- (iv) whose practising certificate is suspended.
- (4) In Schedule 21, after clause 2, insert: 35



- (2) **Subclause (1)(g)(ii) and (iv)** do not apply to teacher educators.
- (5) In Schedule 21, after clause 3(1), insert:
- (1A) The Minister may, after consulting the Teaching Council, remove an elected member of the Teaching Council for just cause.
- (6) In Schedule 21, clause 3(2), after “revocation”, insert “or removal”. 5
- (7) In Schedule 21, clause 4(1), after “is appointed”, insert “or elected”.
- (8) In Schedule 21, after clause 4, insert:
- 4A Extraordinary vacancies**
- (1) An extraordinary vacancy occurs when a member dies or ceases to hold office.
- (2) If an extraordinary vacancy occurs within 6 months of the expiry of the vacating member’s term,— 10
- (a) the Minister, in the case of an appointed member, may—
- (i) appoint a replacement; or
- (ii) leave the vacancy open:
- (b) the Teaching Council, in the case of an elected member, may— 15
- (i) appoint a replacement; or
- (ii) leave the vacancy open.
- (3) If an extraordinary vacancy occurs more than 6 months before the expiry of the vacating member’s term,—
- (a) the Minister, in the case of an appointed member, must appoint a replacement: 20
- (b) the Teaching Council, in the case of an elected member, must—
- (i) appoint a replacement; or
- (ii) hold an election for a replacement.
- (4) A person appointed or elected to fill an extraordinary vacancy holds office only for the remainder of the vacating member’s term. 25

- 7 Consequential amendments to principal Act**  
Amend the principal Act as set out in **Schedule 3**.

## Part 2

### Consequential amendments to other enactments 30

- 8 Education Council Rules 2016 renamed**  
From the commencement of this section,—
- (a) the Education Council Rules 2016 are called the Teaching Council Rules 2016; and

- (b) every reference in any enactment and in any document to the Education Council Rules 2016 must, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as a reference to the Teaching Council Rules 2016.

**9 Consequential amendments to other enactments**

- (1) Amend the enactments specified in **Schedule 4** as set out in that schedule. 5
- (2) Unless the context otherwise requires, every reference in this Act or any other enactment to—
  - (a) the Education Council must be read as a reference to the Teaching Council: 10
  - (b) the Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand must be read as a reference to the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.

**Schedule 1**  
**New Part 5B inserted in Schedule 1**

**s 5B**

<b>Part 5B</b>	
<b>Provisions relating to changes from Education Council to Teaching Council</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>11H Commencement of Teaching Council</b>	
(1) The Education Council continues, and its members continue in office, until the members of the Teaching Council first take office.	
(2) The Education Council must hold the first elections for the elected members of the Teaching Council as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than 9 months, after the commencement of this clause.	10
(3) The Education Council must notify the Minister of the successful candidates as soon as reasonably practicable after the election is held.	
(4) The Minister must appoint the appointed members of the Teaching Council as soon as reasonably practicable after being notified, but no later than 12 months after the commencement of this clause.	15
(5) The appointed and elected members of the Teaching Council take office at the same time on the earlier of the following dates:	
(a) a date specified by the Governor-General by Order in Council:	20
(b) the date that is 12 months after the commencement of this clause.	
(6) <b>Section 380(4)</b> (as in force immediately after the commencement of this clause) does not apply to the election of members under this clause.	

## Schedule 2

### Clause 1 of Schedule 21 replaced

s 6

#### 1 Ministerial appointment as member

- (1) The members of the Teaching Council appointed by the Minister must be persons nominated after notification of the Teaching Council vacancy in the *Gazette* and consultation by the Minister undertaken in accordance with **subclause (3)**. 5
- (2) A *Gazette* notice must specify the appointment process and must list the criteria for appointment specified in **subclauses (3) and (4)**. 10
- (3) At least one of the appointed members must be appointed after the Minister consults, as the Minister thinks fit, representatives of parent and community interest groups in relation to schools and early childhood education services.
- (4) When considering whether to appoint a member of the Teaching Council, the Minister must— 15
- (a) take into account each candidate's ability to carry out the duties of a member of the Teaching Council and represent the public interest; and
  - (b) have regard to the collective skills, experience, and knowledge making up the overall composition of the Teaching Council, including (but not limited to) the candidate's knowledge and experience in any of the following areas: 20
    - (i) education:
    - (ii) governance:
    - (iii) leadership experience and skills:
    - (iv) financial skills: 25
    - (v) understanding of the partnership principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

**Schedule 3**  
**Consequential amendments to principal Act**

**s 7**

**Part 1**

**Replacing “Education Council” with “Teaching Council”** 5

In the following provisions, replace “Education Council” with “Teaching Council”:

Section 91A(1), definition of <b>initial teacher education programme</b>	
Section 348, definition of <b>satisfactory recent teaching experience</b> , in each place	
Section 350(4)	
Section 352, in each place	10
Section 353	
Section 354, in each place	
Section 355, in each place	
Section 356, in each place	
Section 357, in each place	15
Section 358, in each place	
Section 359, in each place	
Section 360, in each place	
Section 361, in each place	
Section 362, in each place	20
Section 363, in each place	
Section 364, in each place	
Section 366, in each place	
Section 367, in each place	
Section 368, in each place	25
Section 369, in each place	
Section 370(2)	
Section 371, in each place	
Section 372, in each place	
Section 373, in each place	30
Section 374, in each place	
Part 32 heading	
Section 376	
Section 377, in each place	

Cross-heading above section 379	
Section 379(2) and (3)	
Section 381, in each place	
Section 382, in each place	
Section 383, in each place	5
Section 384, in each place	
Section 385, in each place	
Section 386	
Section 387, in each place	
Section 388, in each place	10
Section 389, in each place	
Section 390, in each place	
Section 391, in each place	
Section 392, in each place	
Section 393(1)	15
Section 394(1)	
Section 395(1)	
Section 396, in each place	
Section 397, in each place	
Section 398(3)	20
Section 399, in each place	
Section 400, in each place	
Section 401(2)(d)(v)	
Section 404, in each place	
Section 405(1)(a)	25
Section 406(3)	
Section 409(2)	
Section 410AA(3)	
Section 410, in each place	
Section 411, in each place	30
Section 412, in each place	
Section 413, in each place	
Schedule 21, clauses 3 to 10, in each place.	

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**Part 2**  
**Replacing “Education Council’s” with “Teaching Council’s”**

In the following provisions, replace “Education Council’s” with “Teaching Council’s”:

Section 348, definition of **satisfactory recent teaching experience**, paragraph (b) 5

Section 356(3)

Section 378(1), definition of **serious misconduct**, paragraph (b)

Section 384(1)

Schedule 21, clauses 3(6), 6(2), 8(3), 8(5)(a), 10(5)(a).

**Schedule 4**  
**Consequential amendments to other enactments**

**s 9**

**Part 1**  
**Amendments to other Acts** 5

**Ombudsmen Act 1975 (1975 No 9)**

In Schedule 1, Part 2,—

- (a) repeal the item relating to Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand; and
- (b) insert, in its appropriate alphabetical order:

Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand 10

**Privacy Act 1993 (1993 No 28)**

In section 97, definition of **specified agency**, paragraph (l), replace “Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand established” with “Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand continued”.

**State Sector Act 1988 (1988 No 20)** 15

In section 77C(2)(a), replace “Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand” with “Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand”.

**Part 2**  
**Amendments to legislative instruments**

**Education Council Rules 2016 (LI 2016/122)** 20

In rule 1, replace “Education Council Rules” with “Teaching Council Rules”.

In rule 3(1), repeal the definition of **Education Council**.

Rule 3(1), insert in its appropriate alphabetical order:

**Teaching Council** means the body continued and renamed the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand under **section 379(1)** of the Act 25

In the following provisions, replace “Education Council” with “Teaching Council”:

Rule 3(1), in each place

Rule 4(1)(b)

Part 2 heading

Rule 7, in each place 30

Rule 9(1)

Rule 10, in each place



**Education Council Rules 2016 (LI 2016/122)**—*continued*

Rule 11, in each place	
Rule 12, in each place	
Rule 35(2)(d)	
Rule 37(1)(e)	
Rule 38	5
Rule 48A(1)(f)	
Rule 49(2)	
Rule 50, in each place	
Rule 53(2)	
Rule 54, in each place	10
Rule 55(2)	
Rule 57(2)	
Rule 59, in each place	
Rule 60(2)	
Rule 60A(2)	15
Rule 60B, in each place	
Rule 61, in each place	
Rule 62, in each place	
Rule 63(1)	
Rule 64, in each place	20
Rule 65, in each place	
Rule 66, in each place.	

**Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008 (SR 2008/204)**

In rule 3, definition of <b>recognised qualification</b> , paragraph (a), replace “Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand” with “Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand”.	25
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**Education (Registration of Early Childhood Services Teachers) Regulations 2004 (SR 2004/236)**

In rule 9(1)(c), replace “Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand” with “Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand”.	30
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