



Education (Early Childhood Centres) Amendment Regulations 2007

Anand Satyanand, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 3rd day of December 2007

Present:

His Excellency the Governor-General in Council

Pursuant to section 317 of the Education Act 1989, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council, makes the following regulations.

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Regulations

- 1 Title**
These regulations are the Education (Early Childhood Centres) Amendment Regulations 2007.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 31 December 2007.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Education (Early Childhood Centres) Regulations 1998.

4 New regulation 36A inserted

The following regulation is inserted after regulation 36:

“36A Fifty percent qualification requirement for teacher-led centres

“(1) In this regulation,—

“**excluded centre** means a kohanga reo affiliated to Te Kohanga Reo National Trust or a playcentre affiliated to the New Zealand Playcentre Federation (other than a kohanga reo or playcentre that has been approved by the Secretary, after consultation with Te Kohanga Reo National Trust or the relevant playcentre association, as a centre that is to comply with the qualification requirements for a teacher-led centre)

“**recognised qualification** means an early childhood education teaching qualification recognised by the New Zealand Teachers Council for registration purposes

“**required staff** means,—

“(a) in relation to a centre (other than a centre in respect of which a probationary licence is in force), the total number of adults required to satisfy the minimum staffing requirements in Schedule 3 that apply in respect of the maximum number of children who may attend the centre at any one time (as specified in the licence for the centre):

“(b) in relation to a centre in respect of which a probationary licence is in force, the total number of adults required to satisfy the minimum staffing requirements in Schedule 3 that apply in respect of the maximum number of children for the time being enrolled to attend the centre at any one time

“**teacher-led centre** means any centre that is not an excluded centre.

- “(2) The licensee of every teacher-led centre must ensure that at least 50% of the required staff of that centre hold a recognised qualification.
- “(3) For the purposes of applying subclause (2),—
- “(a) 1 member of the required staff of a teacher-led centre who is enrolled in a course of study that, if passed, will result in the award of a recognised qualification within 12 months may be counted as holding a recognised qualification:
- “(b) a person who holds a recognised qualification and is rostered to work at more than 1 centre may be counted as a member of the required staff at no more than 2 centres to which qualification requirements apply:
- “(c) if the application of subclause (2) results in a number of required staff who must hold a recognised qualification that is less than a whole number, the number must be rounded up to the next whole number.”

Martin Bell,
for Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 31 December 2007, introduce qualification requirements for teacher-led early childhood centres.

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These regulations are administered by the Ministry of Education.
