

# Briefing Notes

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The purpose of this briefing is to advise you that the Teaching Council is beginning consultation today with the teaching profession and stakeholders on new rules for teacher refresh provisions provided for in the Education Act 2020, Schedule 3, clause 10(6)(b).

The new provision allows the Council the discretion to issue a renewed practising certificate for teachers who are not able to meet the requirement that they have satisfactory recent teaching experience as defined in the ETA. In these circumstances, teacher refresh processes established by the Council may provide an appropriate alternative to this requirement.

The consultation document includes the proposed new rules for teacher refresh processes when renewing practising certificates, as well as including the policy requirements for other circumstances that may require a teacher refresh process.

The consultation document is available for feedback by teachers, stakeholders and others who may be affected by the proposed changes for four weeks, with the consultation concluding on Friday 3 September 2021.

Once feedback received from submitters has been analysed, recommendations will be taken to our Governing Council for a decision, followed by gazetting of the new rules and publication of the amended *Requirements for Teacher Registration, Practising Certificates and Limited Authority to Teach* policy.

The consultation document is attached for your information.