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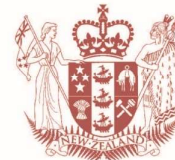
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Legislative Statement – the Education and Training Amendment Bill (No 2): First Reading

The Education and Training Amendment Bill (No 2) contains both new policies and minor and technical amendments to existing provisions in the Act, to progress the education work programme and contribute to the continuous improvement of the education sector.

The Bill amends the Act to:

- align the Police vetting provisions in the Act more closely with the safety checking requirements in the Children’s Act 2014;
- strengthen Teaching Council disciplinary processes;
- provide greater flexibility for Government to regulate compulsory student services fees charged by tertiary education providers;
- enable National Student Numbers (NSNs) to be used when there is funding to support work-based training;
- authorise NSNs to be assigned to students studying for NCEA in overseas jurisdictions with which New Zealand has entered into an arrangement for the teaching and assessment of NCEA, and authorise schools in those jurisdictions to be specified users of NSNs;
- enable the New Zealand Qualifications Authority to exercise discretion about whether to cancel the registration of a private training establishment in relation to immigration breaches.
- simplify qualifications and other credentials;
- ensure that learner well-being and safety arrangements and dispute resolution schemes for international and tertiary students, are fit for purpose, including that the administrator of a learner wellbeing and safety code is able to enter and inspect premises of a provider;
- amend the Education Review Office’s mandate to enable it to review professional learning and development; and
- make a number of minor and technical amendments.

A Supplementary Order Paper to the Bill will amend the network management provisions for licensed early childhood services, by introducing National and Regional Statements that will provide information on supply and demand and strengthening the test of applicant suitability, as well as other amendments.