



# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Employment-based Initial Teacher Education for  
Secondary Teachers  
[21268229]

**Release Date:** 17 July 2019  
**Closing Date:** 23 August 2019

## 1. General Information

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- 1.1 The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) is seeking information for the development and delivery of Employment-based initial teacher education (ITE) programmes. This is for information only and will not be used to select any suppliers. This is to gather market intelligence to inform business planning.
- 1.2 Please note that the information contained within this RFI is confidential and covered by copyright, but may be copied to the extent necessary to prepare a response to this RFI. The information contained in your response will be treated similarly (subject to the Ministry's obligations under the Official Information Act 1982).
- 1.3 Please direct all enquiries to our Contact Person. You must not attempt to gain information from any other member of our staff.

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- 1.4 Please email your completed response to the Contact Person using 'EBITE – RFI Response' in the subject line.
- 1.5 Please send your response to the questions by 18:00 on 23 August 2019.

## 2. Background and requirements

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### Background

- 2.1 The Ministry of Education has received funding in Budget 2019 for the development of one or more new employment-based initial teacher education programmes.
- 2.2 The purpose of the investment is to enable more people to undertake their teaching qualification while working as a teacher, with appropriate supervision and support. This will further expand the employment-based ITE pathway for people to train as teachers.
- 2.3 This new investment will fund some of the development and delivery costs, as well as contributing to the cost to schools and wharekura of employing a trainee teacher, and the cost of providing an in-school mentor/associate teacher for each trainee.
- 2.4 The funding allows for up to 240 places over the next 4 years. Funding will be awarded for new programmes to start in 2021.

### Requirements and Objectives

- 2.5 Having a sustainable supply of well-trained teachers, trained in New Zealand, is an important lever for increasing future teacher supply. The employment-based ITE initiative is designed to encourage more people to consider careers in teaching.
- 2.6 We are seeking information from any parties who have an interest or experience in employment-based ITE programmes, to determine the overall feasibility of one or more new employment-based ITE programmes and to better understand whether a programme could be developed and approved in order to have enrolments for the first cohort in the 2021 academic year.
- 2.7 Any new programme would need to be designed to meet the Teaching Council's ITE programme approval, monitoring and review requirements, effective 1 July 2019, and be approved by the Teaching Council in conjunction with either NZQA or CUAP prior to commencement.
- 2.8 Any teacher-trainees employed by a school or Wharekura would also need to meet the Teaching Council's requirements for a Limited Authority to Teach, which requires the teacher-trainee to have specialist skills or skills in short supply.

- 2.9 Interested parties can include (but are not limited to) potential providers, principals, teachers, iwi, hapu, governing education bodies, academics, peak body representatives, general public, consortiums or whānau.
- 2.10 The information we receive as a result of this RFI as well as other market research we have commissioned will inform the next steps in the procurement process.

### Other Details

- 2.11 The Ministry will be holding sessions with interested parties. These sessions will be held in three locations (dates and times outlined below):

| DATE           | TIME          | AREA         | LOCATION  |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|---|
| 29 July 2019   | 15:00 – 17:00 | Wellington   | Ministry of Education, 33 Bowen Street (Room 1:01), Wellington    |
| 31 July 2019   | 11:00 – 13:00 | Auckland     | Mount Richmond Hotel, 676 Mount Wellington Highway, Mt Wellington |
| 02 August 2019 | 11:00 – 13:00 | Christchurch | Commodore Airport Hotel, 449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch        |

- 2.12 If you wish to attend one of these sessions please click the link to register your interest <https://mailchi.mp/education/ebtt> or send us an email to [eb.ite@education.govt.nz](mailto:eb.ite@education.govt.nz) using 'EBITE – RFI Registration' in the subject line.

## 3. Information requested

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- 3.1 Considering the background and summary of our requirements please answer the following questions:
- How would you define employment-based ITE?
  - What characteristics would a school need to have to participate in an employment based ITE programme?
  - What do you see as the critical success factors for Māori participants entering the programme?
  - What core programme components would be needed to ensure the programme could support the development of critical and reflective teaching and learning for the participants?
  - How would you approach a co-design model with iwi in your area?
  - Given that Kaiako are part of a bigger team, and proactively engaging in community is encouraged, how do you suggest engaging with community when developing a programme?
  - Describe what you think would be the critical roles within this programme?
  - What do you think the optimal size of a programme like this would be in the first phase?
  - How long do you think it would take to design and gain approval for an employment-based ITE programme?
  - How would you ensure that your programme is culturally responsive, informed by culturally responsive pedagogy and developing culturally responsive graduates?
  - Where would you see participants being recruited from for the programme?
  - Who do you think should lead the recruitment process and how would they go about this?
- 3.2 Responses can be attached as a word or pdf file.

## 4. RFI Guidelines

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- 4.1 In the normal course of events, the RFI will enable the Ministry to develop a business case and may result in a formal procurement process, which may be advertised on the Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS – [www.gets.govt.nz](http://www.gets.govt.nz)). There may be a decision not to proceed.
- 4.2 This is not a procurement process, therefore there will be no evaluation conducted on the information provided. The issue of and response to this RFI is not to be construed as representing or creating any binding obligation on the Ministry to enter into any legal commitment. There is no commitment by the Ministry to purchase any, or a particular quantity, of equipment and/or services.
- 4.3 Except to the extent required by law, the Ministry may withhold any information from any person, and will not be responsible to any person for any information.
- 4.4 While the Ministry tries to maintain confidentiality, it cannot assure any person that all information they disclose to the Ministry will be kept confidential, as the Ministry may be required by law to make disclosures.
- 4.5 Participation in this RFI does not constitute an Agreement or Contract between the Ministry and any respondent.