

**INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT**  
**TE AHO O TE KURA POUNAMU SPECIALIST AND SUPPORT STAFF**

**BETWEEN** the Board of Trustees (“the Board”) of Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu (“the Employer”) a statutory body constituted pursuant to section 93 of the Education Act 1989 .....[*school number*] (“the Employer”)

**AND** ..... (the Employee”)

**The Board** appoints / continues [*delete one*] the employment of the Employee as a .....  
..... [*job title/work to be performed*], working  
at.....[*place of work*], subject to the terms and  
conditions contained in this agreement.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu Specialist and Support Staff Collective Agreement 2019-2021, the effective date of the application of any of its provisions in respect to this Individual Employment Agreement shall be:

- (a) 17 December 2019, if signed on or before 29 May 2020; or
- (b) the actual date signed if after 29 May 2020.

The Employee’s hours of work would normally be .....

The Employee's salary shall commence under this agreement on level ..... at \$.....

The work to be performed by the Employee is set out in the existing/attached [*delete one & note that "existing" is not an option for a new employee*] position description.

**The terms and conditions of employment** under this agreement are those terms and conditions of the Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu Specialist and Support Staff Collective Agreement 2019-2021, with all the necessary modifications applicable to an individual employment agreement for a ..... [*job title*]. A copy of the Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu Specialist and Support Staff Collective Agreement 2019-2021 is attached (see [www.education.govt.nz](http://www.education.govt.nz)).

The terms and conditions of employment set out in this agreement replace any previous arrangements and understandings.

The Employee acknowledges he/she has had a reasonable opportunity to seek independent advice.

**SIGNED** by ..... (Employee) on ..... [*date*]

**SIGNED** for and on behalf of the above named Board of Trustees by

..... [*signature*]

..... [*print name and position*]

..... [*date*]

### **New employees – where a collective agreement is in force**

- New employees who are or become members of the NZ Educational Institute – Te Riu Roa (NZEI Te Riu Roa) (the union) and who perform the work covered by the Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu Specialist and Support Staff Collective Agreement (the Collective Agreement 2019-2021) will be bound by that collective agreement.
- New employees who are not members of the union and who perform the work covered by the Collective Agreement must be offered an individual employment agreement which, for the first 30 days of employment, contains terms and conditions of employment of that collective agreement.
- Before agreeing to the individual employment agreement and before the employee commences work, the employee must be advised that:
  - they are entitled to seek independent advice about the proposed employment agreement
  - the collective agreement exists and covers the work to be done by the employee
  - the employee may join the union, and how they can contact the union, and
  - if the employee joins the union, they will be bound by the collective agreement.
- The employer must give the employee:
  - a copy of the collective agreement
  - any information about the role and functions of the union that the employer is required to provide to prospective employees in accordance with a request by a union under section 30A of the Employment Relations Act
  - a reasonable opportunity to seek independent advice. The employer must also consider any issues that the employee raises and respond to them, and
  - within 10 days after they commence employment, a copy of MBIE’s “Form for new employees to indicate if they intend to join a union”, for the employee to complete and return. A copy of the form [can be found here](#) and further guidance [can be found here](#).
- At the end of the first 30 days of employment, if the employee has not joined the union, the employer and employee may agree to vary the terms and conditions of employment.
- If the parties wish to vary the promulgated individual employment agreement, whether on appointment or after the 30 day period, they will require concurrence from the Ministry. Note that the employee must be informed that they are entitled to seek independent advice about any variation to the promulgated agreement that is offered.
- If the employer and employee choose not to vary the terms and conditions of the promulgated individual employment agreement after the 30 day period it remains in force unchanged.

*NZEI Te Riu Roa and the Ministry of Education are currently investigating several pay equity claims for support staff. If you are covered by one of these claims, you will receive a notice from the Ministry about the claim and your options, once you start your new role. For more information about pay equity or what this could mean for you, please visit <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/people-and-employment/pay-equity/>.*