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Consultation on the fee for review of Complaints Assessment Committee decision by Disciplinary Tribunal

We are pleased to provide comment to the Teaching Council on the fee for review of Complaints Assessment Committee decision by Disciplinary Tribunal.

About Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand

Te Rito Maioha Early Childhood New Zealand (Te Rito Maioha) is an Incorporated Society of members committed to high quality early childhood education for every child. Established in 1963, the organisation is an influential leader in shaping today's early childhood sector through advocacy, policy, tertiary education qualifications and professional development programmes.

We advocate for early childhood education services and the teachers | kaiako who provide education to thousands of infants, toddlers, and children | tamariki. Our members are drawn from a diverse range of community-based, privately-owned, kindergarten and homebased early childhood education services.

Te Rito Maioha is also a registered Private Training Establishment (PTE) with the highest Category One rating for a tertiary provider. We are accredited and approved by New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) to deliver a range of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate qualifications (levels 4-9), including specialist teacher | kaiako education, both nationally and internationally.

We are committed to achieving high-quality teaching and learning by:

- increasing teachers' | kaiako knowledge of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Aotearoa New Zealand's dual cultural heritage;
- providing access to online blended delivery of undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate tertiary education programmes leading to recognised and approved qualifications;
- promoting quality teaching and leadership through ongoing professional learning and development programmes;
- providing a range of unique resources and services to our members.

Consultation questions

1. Do you agree that the Teaching Council should charge a fee for the review of a CAC decision?

Yes, we agree there should be a fee charged. There is a significant cost for Teaching Council to review a decision even if by conducting a review on the papers rather than holding another hearing.

There are very few appeals, and they are often a disgruntled person who is asking for review (sometimes the complaint was unjustified in the first instance).

2. Do you agree with the proposed administrative fee of \$325 and the rationale for that?

No. We think the fee should be higher – see rationale below.

3. If you do not agree with the proposed fee, which option would you prefer?

We would prefer that the person seeking a review pay a higher proportion of the actual cost (option 3). The cost should not all be covered by teachers in their levy. The individual should meet some of the costs.

Make submission to the Teaching Council by 14 June 2024 to
cacfeereviewsubmissions@teachingcouncil.nz

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