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## Education Report: Amendment to the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2021, Amendment No. 1.

Date:	8 June 2021	NZQA Priority:	High
Security Level:	In Confidence	Report No.	CR22403

	Action Sought	Deadline
Minister of Education	<p>a. <b>note</b> that the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2021, Amendment No. 1, was made pursuant to section 452(1)(m) of the Education and Training Act 2020 having been approved on 1 June 2021 by the NZQA Board Chair under delegated authority from the NZQA Board</p> <p>b. <b>note</b> that section 452(5) of the Education and Training Act 2020 provides that rules made under section 452(1)(m) do not require the approval of the Minister. However, they must be presented to the House through your office as required by section 452(7)</p> <p>c. <b>note</b> that copies of these amendment Rules will be provided to the House Office for presenting to the House</p> <p>d. <b>agree</b> that this report is proactively released as part of the next publication of documents.</p>	For presenting to the House

Enclosure/Appendix: Rules

Round Robin: No

### Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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**Minister's Office to Complete:**

Noted

Seen

Approved

Needs change

Withdrawn

Overtaken by Events

Referred to:

**Comments:**

## Recommended Action

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It is recommended that you:


- a. **note** that the attached Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2021, Amendment No. 1, made pursuant to section 452(1)m of the Education and Training Act 2020 having been approved on 1 June 2021 by the NZQA Board Chair under delegated authority from the NZQA Board.
- b. **note** that section 452(5) of the Education and Training Act 2020 provides that rules made under section 452(1)(m) do not require the approval of the Minister. However, they must be presented to the House through your office as required by section 452(7).
- c. **note** that copies of these amendment Rules will be provided to the House for presenting to the House.

Proactive release recommendation

NZQA recommends that you:

- d. **agree** that this report is proactively released as part of the next publication of documents.

**Agree/Disagree**



Dr Grant Klinkum  
**Chief Executive**

8 June 2021

Hon Chris Hipkins  
**Minister of Education**

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## **Purpose of Report**

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1. This report notes that the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2021, Amendment No.1 was approved by the NZQA Board Chair on 1 June 2021 (*under delegated authority from the NZQA Board*) and notes that copies will be provided to the House Office for presenting to the House of Representatives

## **Background**

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2. The rule changes in the amendment are:
  - i. rule 8.5 d (Course Endorsement) is amended to allow students to gain a course endorsement for specific subjects within Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, if they achieve 14 credits within any one of those subjects without the need to obtain 3 credits from external standards; and
  - ii. the rules 7.1.4 d (Assessment of Common Assessment Tasks) and rule 7.1.9 a (Breaches of the Rules – External Assessment) for NZQA (instead of schools) to investigate breaches of the rules in relation to Digital Common Assessment Tasks (D-CATs).
3. The principal Rules, being the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2021, are the latest annual version of these Rules and direct schools in how internal assessment is to be managed, how external examinations and assessments run by NZQA will be administered, and how credits and endorsements for NCEA and other secondary related awards are managed.
4. The amendment to rule 8.5 d ensures parity for specific subjects within Te Marautanga o Aotearoa with subjects within Physical Education and Religious Studies in relation to course endorsement. The specific subjects within Te Marautanga o Aotearoa have no externally assessed standards, just like subjects within Physical Education and Religious Studies which have current exemptions from the requirement for 3 credits from externally assessed standards. By also exempting the specific subjects within Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, parity is achieved with Physical Education and Religious Studies.
5. The Ministry of Education, NZQA's Māori Medium Secondary Qualifications Advisory Group members, and the chairs of Te Rūnanga Nui o Ngā Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa and Ngā Kura a Iwi were consulted and agreed with the proposed rule change.
6. The reason for the amendment to rules 7.1.4d and 7.1.9a is to ensure consistency in decision outcomes for students for equivalent breaches, and the avoidance of time delays. There were inconsistencies in managing equivalent breaches across schools in 2020, and there were a number of time delays, which was unfair to the students involved.
7. Consultation on the amendment to rules 7.1.4d and 7.1.9a was carried out with the DTTA (Digital Technology Teachers Aotearoa) and the Ministry of Education.

## Authority for making the Rules

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8. Section 452(5) of the Education and Training Act 2020 provides that rules made under section 452(1)(m) may be approved by the Board but do not require the approval of the Minister. The Board has delegated the approval authority to the Board Chair. Once made, they need to be presented to the House of Representatives as required by section 452(7), and ten copies will be provided to the House Office for this purpose.