



National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP)



Development of a NELP statement to inform strategic planning by schools and early learning services is now part of a three-year work programme.

NELP is included as one of the Government's 7 medium-term strategies.

The scope for public consultation is now considerably widened with the coming into force of the Education (National Education and Learning Priorities) Amendment Act 2018. It includes a requirement to make reasonable efforts to consult with children and young people, and with national bodies representing 11 named stakeholders in early childhood and compulsory education sectors, including national bodies representing boards and parents.

What do boards need to do?

Keep abreast of when consultation is sought (via the news media and NZSTA), and be prepared to engage.

Where do I find this in the Education Act?

Section 1A.

When do the changes take effect?

The ability for the Minister to issue a NELP statement came into effect on 19 May 2017.

The increased consultation requirements came into effect on 7 November 2018.

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A NELP statement has not yet been issued.

For more information, and to view the Government's Education Portfolio Work Programme: purpose, objectives and overview go [here](#) or:

<http://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/information-releases/information-releases-from-2018/education-portfolio-work-programme/>

Where do I get advice?

NZSTA will continue to update and advise you through factsheets, newsletters, and our website.

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