



COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHEET FOR NEW ZEALAND

Universities and Other Higher Education Institutions Recognized in Prince Edward Island (PEI)

Only those higher education institutions that are established or approved by an appropriate educational authority (usually a government body) are recognized by the PEI Office of the Registrar.

In the case of New Zealand, we recognize those higher education institutions that are established or approved by national government authority.

Universities New Zealand – Te Pūkai Tara is the representative body for New Zealand’s universities. Found on its website is a list of all recognized or approved universities. If your university is found on that list, then most likely we recognize it.

For a link to that list on the Universities New Zealand – Te Pūkai Tara’s website, see:

<http://www.universitiesnz.ac.nz/nz-university-system>

Pre-Service Teacher Education Programs Recognized in Prince Edward Island

Only those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by an appropriate educational authority (usually a government body) in your country are recognized by the PEI Office of the Registrar.

In the case of New Zealand, we recognize those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by the New Zealand Teachers Council.

In general, the New Zealand Teachers Council is responsible for recognizing or approving pre-service teacher education programs. Hence, found on an associated website, TeachNZ, are lists of all recognized or approved pre-service teacher education programs. If your pre-service teacher education program is found on one of those lists, then most likely we recognize it.

For a link to those lists on TeachNZ’s website, see:

<http://www.teachnz.govt.nz/thinking-of-teaching/study-options/>

Specific Programs Not Recognized in Prince Edward Island

Any programs that do not meet our minimum requirements for an acceptable teacher education program will not be recognized.

Obtaining Academic Records

In New Zealand academic records or official transcripts are issued by universities and other higher education institutions.

When seeking to obtain your academic records or official transcripts you are generally required to submit a **written request by fax, email or post** to your university’s Academic Records Division. Your full name, date of birth and student ID number (if known) should be included.

Generally, information cannot be provided over the phone.

Academic records or official transcripts must be mailed directly to us from every higher education institution you have attended. We will not accept transcripts submitted by you even if they are sealed or notarized. We will not accept transcripts by fax or email. Transcripts received must be in the original language of issue.

If the PEI Office of the Registrar receives transcripts in languages other than English or French, we will send a copy to you. You will need to have the documents translated into either English or French and send the original translations to us.

Obtaining Statements of Professional Standing

A Statement of Professional Standing is a document that states you are a teacher in good standing and that your teaching license has never been revoked, cancelled, or suspended for any disciplinary reasons. This document usually comes from the government body or other licensing body that oversees teachers.

A Statement of Professional Standing is required and may be obtained from the New Zealand Teachers Council. Additional Statements of Professional Standing are required from all other jurisdictions where you have held or hold a teaching certificate. All Statements of Professional Standing must be mailed directly to the PEI Office of the Registrar.

The New Zealand Teachers Council's contact information is found below:

New Zealand Teachers Council
Phone: +64 (0) 4 471 0852
Fax: +64 (0) 4 471 0870
Email: inquiries@teacherscouncil.govt.nz
Website: http://www.teacherscouncil.govt.nz/
Postal address PO Box 5326, Wellington 6145 New Zealand

Teaching Certificate

You do not need to submit a copy of your teaching certificate. Your Statement of Professional Standing will supply this information.

Credit Hour Equivalencies

New Zealand's universities other higher education institutions mainly utilize a national credit system. Generally, under this system one course or module is worth 15 credit hours or points. In most cases, students are expected to take four courses per semester to be considered full-time.

The PEI Office of the Registrar recognizes this national credit system. In PEI, our university, the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), generally utilizes a 3 credit hours or points per course system. Found below, is a table containing our credit hour and course equivalencies for New Zealand's 15 credit hours per course system.

	Credit Hours per Course	Typical Full-time Course Load
New Zealand Higher Education Institution	15	4 courses x 15 credit hours
UPEI	3	5 courses x 3 credit hours

NOTE: Credit hour and course equivalencies for those applications which are from universities that do not utilize the 15 point credit hour system will be calculated on a case-by-case basis by the PEI Office of the Registrar.

Other Pertinent Information

Years of Scholary and Year 12 Equivalent

In order to be eligible for certification as a teacher in PEI you are required to have a minimum of 16 Years of Scholary, which includes completion of your Year 12 equivalent (also known as Grade 12 or High School equivalent). Generally, a Year of Scholary is earned for every year of formal education you have completed, beginning with Year 1 education at the elementary or primary school level.

Because Years of Scholary and Year 12 equivalence can vary so much between countries and

even within them, the PEI Office of the Registrar calculates the Years of Scholary and Year 12 equivalence for each application on a case-by-case basis.

Language Proficiency

You do not need to provide satisfactory results on a language proficiency test if you have completed all of your post-secondary education in English or French.

In New Zealand, English is typically used as the language of instruction; hence, in most cases, applicants who have completed their post-secondary education in New Zealand do not require language proficiency testing. For more information on language proficiency, including acceptable tests and test scores, see our **Resource Guide: "Welcoming Internationally Educated Teachers to PEI."**

The **Resource Guide** is available online on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website. See the following link:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/eecd/index.php3?number=1027691>