



EMPLOYMENT FACT SHEET

CERTIFICATION

The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has set up a national certification system for teachers in Catholic Character and Religious Education. The handbook for certification is available from NCRS or the diocesan office.

Each diocese runs its own professional development programme, but the certificate is awarded by NCRS. A full record of each teacher's certification is kept at the diocesan offices. Each school and diocesan office also holds a copy of the Certification Schedule.

Certification in Religious Education

Classroom Level

This is the minimum level for those teaching Religious Education in a primary school.

Leadership Level in Religious Education

This is the minimum level required of those holding or aspiring to the positions of Principal or Director of Religious Studies, and those in other significant leadership positions in Catholic schools.

Graduate Level in Religious Education

This level is for teachers, principals and DRS who have completed appropriate graduate studies.

Certification in Catholic Special Character

Foundation Level

This is the basic level required of all teaching staff in a Catholic school. It is achieved by attending courses for teachers new to Catholic schools that have been organised by the diocese.

Classroom Level

This is the level required of all teachers holding tagged positions who do not teach Religious Education. Teachers holding non-tagged positions who do not teach Religious Education may also apply for this level.