



# Summary

## Gazetting *Te Whāriki*: Expanding the legal Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

### The Early Learning Action Plan

*In He taonga te tamaiti – Every child a taonga: Early learning action plan 2019–2029*, the Government set out an action to “Gazette the curriculum framework, *Te Whāriki*,<sup>1</sup> to support engagement with the principles, strands, goals and learning outcomes when designing local curricula” (action 4.1).

Note: To ‘gazette’ means this is done through a published notice in the *New Zealand Gazette* (the official newspaper of the New Zealand government).

### Current requirements

The current licensing and certification criteria for early childhood services and playgroups requires that curricula and programmes are consistent with any curriculum framework prescribed by the Minister of Education. Currently, this prescribed curriculum framework is the principles and strands of *Te Whāriki* (except for *kōhanga reo* affiliated with Te Kōhanga National Trust, which have their own prescribed curriculum framework based on their own curriculum document, *Te Whāriki a te Kōhanga Reo*).

### Proposed change

	Description
<b>Expand the prescribed curriculum framework to include the goals and learning outcomes of <i>Te Whāriki: He whāriki mātauranga mō ngā mokopuna o Aotearoa</i></b>	This change will make the goals and learning outcomes of <i>Te Whāriki</i> part of the prescribed curriculum framework for licensed early childhood services and certified playgroups.  Licensed early childhood services (except <i>kōhanga reo</i> affiliated with Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust) and certified playgroups will need to implement the goals and learning outcomes along with the principles and strands of <i>Te Whāriki</i> to meet licensing or certification requirements.
<b>Include a te ao Māori interpretation of the goals and learning outcomes of <i>Te Whāriki: He whāriki mātauranga mō ngā mokopuna o Aotearoa</i> in the prescribed curriculum framework</b>	We have developed a draft te ao Māori interpretation of the goals and learning outcomes of <i>Te Whāriki</i> with writers involved in the 2017 refresh of <i>Te Whāriki</i> . This has been developed following feedback from and testing with Māori medium early childhood services.

<sup>1</sup> This refers to *Te Whāriki: He whāriki mātauranga mō ngā mokopuna o Aotearoa Early childhood curriculum*.

The draft te ao Māori interpretation has been developed by referring directly to the bicultural foundation of *Te Whāriki* and the language and concepts of the principles | kaupapa whakahaere and strands, goals and learning outcomes | taumata whakahirahira.

Te ao Māori interpretation of the goals and learning outcomes would be complementary and supportive of Māori medium services outside of Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust.

Licensed early childhood services or certified playgroups (except kōhanga reo affiliated with Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust) could use either the existing goals and learning outcomes of *Te Whāriki* or te ao Māori interpretation of them, or both in their local curriculum.

### Why is this change being made?

Each of the four parts of *Te Whāriki* (principles, strands, goals and learning outcomes) plays a different role in effective local curricula. Gazetting the full framework of *Te Whāriki* will support quality of curriculum implementation across the early learning sector by ensuring all kaiako engage with the principles, strands, goals and learning outcomes when designing and implementing local curricula. This change will clarify the expectation that local curricula in early childhood education services and playgroups should be consistent with the full framework of *Te Whāriki*.

### How to have your say

You can find the full discussion document on [Kōrero Mātauranga](#). If you want to provide feedback on the proposal, you can complete a survey in [English](#) or [te reo Māori](#).

You can also send a more detailed written submission to either [Gazetting.TeWhariki@education.govt.nz](mailto:Gazetting.TeWhariki@education.govt.nz) or this postal address:

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