

INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
(PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS)

The effective date of this Individual Employment Agreement is the date it is signed by both parties
or the date of promulgation, whichever is the later.

BETWEEN the Board of Trustees (“the Board”) of
..... *[name of school]* (“the Employer”) a
statutory body constituted pursuant to section 93 of the Education Act 1989
..... *[school number]* (“the Employer”)

AND the Employee”)

The Board appoints/continues *[delete one]* the employment of the Employee as a
..... *[job title/work to be performed]*
working at *[place of work]*
working times as specified in the Primary Teachers’ Collective Agreement 2016-2018: indicate either: full-
time / part-time *[delete one]*.

If part-time the pro-rata hours of work per week are..... *[indicate proportion of]* *full-time hours, e.g. 0.2 = one day per week]*
with effect from *[date]* upon and subject to the terms and
conditions contained in this agreement.

Salary rates are paid in accordance with the Primary Teachers’ Collective Agreement 2016-2018, except
where modified as necessary to ensure that any rates that are below minimum wage are replaced with the
rate set out in the annual Minimum Wage Order.

The work to be performed by the Employee is set out in the attached position description.

The terms and conditions of employment under this agreement are those applicable terms and conditions
of the Primary Teachers’ Collective Agreement 2016-2018 which, with all the necessary modifications, are
applicable to an individual employment agreement for teachers employed in Primary Schools. In addition,
the attached plain language explanation of the services available for the resolution of employment
relationship problems shall apply. The terms and conditions of employment set out in this agreement replace
any previous arrangements and understandings.

Any relevant term or condition in the collective agreement, including increases in remuneration, that has an
implementation date prior to the date of this Individual Employment Agreement being signed shall apply
from the date of signing.

A copy of the Primary Teachers’ Collective Agreement 2016-2018 is available on the Ministry’s website
(see www.education.govt.nz).

The Employee acknowledges he/she has had reasonable opportunity to seek advice.

SIGNED by (Employee) on *[date]*

SIGNED for and on behalf of the above named Board of Trustees by
..... *[signature]*
..... *[print name and position]*
..... *[date]*

New Employees

In offering the promulgated Individual Employment Agreement to new employees, boards are required to meet their obligations under the Employment Relations Act 2000. Set out below is a guide to the obligations in relation to new employees, but Boards should also seek advice from NZSTA.

New employees – where a collective agreement is in force

- New employees who are or become members of the NZ Educational Institute – Te Riu Roa (NZEI Te Riu Roa) (the union) and who perform the work covered by the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement (the Collective Agreement) will be bound by that collective agreement.
- New employees who are not members of the union and who perform the work covered by the Collective Agreement must be offered an individual employment agreement which, for the first 30 days of employment, contains terms and conditions of employment of that collective agreement.
- Before agreeing to the individual employment agreement and before the employee commences work, the employee must be advised that:
 - they are entitled to seek independent advice about the proposed employment agreement
 - the collective agreement exists and covers the work to be done by the employee
 - the employee may join the union, and how they can contact the union, and
 - if the employee joins the union, they will be bound by the collective agreement.
- The employer must give the employee:
 - a copy of the collective agreement
 - any information about the role and functions of the union that the employer is required to provide to prospective employees in accordance with a request by a union under section 30A of the Employment Relations Act
 - a reasonable opportunity to seek independent advice. The employer must also consider any issues that the employee raises and respond to them, and
 - within 10 days after they commence employment, a copy of MBIE's "Form for new employees to indicate if they intend to join a union", for the employee to complete and return. A copy of the form can be found [here](#) and further guidance can be found [here](#).
- At the end of the first 30 days of employment, if the employee has not joined the union, the employer and employee may agree to vary the terms and conditions of employment.
- If the parties wish to vary the promulgated individual employment agreement, whether on appointment or after the 30 day period, they will require concurrence from the Ministry. Note that the employee must be informed that they are entitled to seek independent advice about any variation to the promulgated agreement that is offered.
- If the employer and employee choose not to vary the terms and conditions of the promulgated individual employment agreement after the 30 day period it remains in force unchanged.

New employees - where a collective agreement is not in force

- Before agreeing to the individual employment agreement and before the employee commences work, the employee must be advised that they are entitled to seek independent advice about the agreement offered.
- The employer must give the employee:
 - a copy of the individual employment agreement being offered, and
 - a reasonable opportunity to seek independent advice. The employer must also consider any issues that the employee raises and respond to them.
- If the parties wish to vary the promulgated individual employment agreement they will require concurrence from the Ministry.