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Tēnā koe John

Thank you for your email of 12 January 2022 requesting the following information:

- *May I kindly ask what sort of crown appointments vacancy you will have for this year 2022. Are you intend [sic] to call for public expression of interest? If so, when you would call for public expression of interest and on which platform, e.g. this website/ seek etc.*
- *Also, what is the current progress of the "The Ngarimu VC & 28th (Māori) Memorial Scholarship Fund Board" goes, e.g. how many applications you have received and how many you have shortlisted and interviewed. Also besides this page, where do you call for public expression of interest for this Board.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In response to the first part of your request, the Ministry of Education will be supporting the Minister of Education (the Minister) and the Associate Ministers of Education to consider Crown appointments both at member and Chair levels. The following boards are either carrying existing vacancies, which the Ministers may or may not choose to fill, or have members with terms expiring, which will require Ministerial decisions:

- The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC)
- The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA)
- Education New Zealand (ENZ)
- Pacific Education Foundation (PEF)
- The Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand (Teaching Council)
- Te Kura o te Aho Pounamu (Te Kura)
- The New Zealand National Commission to UNESCO (UNESCO)
- The Music Teachers' Registration Board (IRMTNZ)
- The New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER)
- Taumata Aronui.

Up to 38 positions could be considered this year, although the exact number will depend on Ministerial direction and decisions throughout the year. We intend to advertise on the webpage you referred to in your request <https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/our-role-and-our-people/what-we-do/crown-appointments> for expressions of interest, in either February or March. The page will list the boards for which we are inviting expressions of interest. This list has not yet been finalised.

For the Teaching Council, [Section 476](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020 stipulates a specific process for the Minister's appointments to the Board. This is the process the Ministry will follow for this particular Board.

### **Ngarimu VC & 28th (Māori) Memorial Scholarship Fund Board**

In response to the second part of your request, the Governor-General of Aotearoa New Zealand makes the appointments of the four Battalion Company representatives on the Ngārimu VC and 28th (Māori) Battalion Memorial Scholarship Fund Board, on the recommendation of the responsible Minister, who in this case is Hon Kelvin Davis, Associate Minister of Education (Māori Education).

Late last year, applicants for the C Company position were sought, and an advertisement was placed on the Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga | Ministry of Education website on 18 October 2021; with nomination requests being provided to these bodies to distribute:

- New Zealand Defence Forces (placed in Veterans e-newsletter)
- Te Puni Kōkiri
- Ministry for Culture and Heritage Te Manatū Taonga
- Ministry for Culture and Heritage posted it on the 28th Māori Battalion Facebook page.

I am withholding information on the number of people who applied, were shortlisted, and were interviewed, under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



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