

Glenholme School

RT: Lit Training Requirements



TITLE: Resource Teacher: Literacy

CLUSTER: Rotorua Cluster

HOST SCHOOL: Glenholme School

DESCRIPTION

All RT:Lits employed by the host school must have completed a training course approved by the Ministry of Education or commence one within one year of their appointment.

The course is a compulsory component of condition of service for all RT:Lits. Approved course will provide for flexible course delivery across New Zealand through a mixture of brief-regional block courses, on-line interactive learning and discussion, and practical, child-based assignments.

For RT:Lits with graduate status, four graduate-level papers must be completed in the first three years of appointment as an RT:Lit. For RT"Lits without graduate status, two 300-level papers and then two diploma-level papers must be completed in the first three years of appointment.

Supervision and study leave

RT:Lits are linked through email systems into study groups, and professional supervision is provided.

Each semester, they are required to attend some block courses.

While RT:Lits are training, they are entitled to be released for half a day per week for study leave during term time.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Each RT:Lit's qualifications will be considered by the training provider(s) before enrolment in the course at either graduate or postgraduate level. Depending on the entry level, the papers will lead to either a postgraduate diploma or a postgraduate certificate. The course content will be the same in either case, but the academic requirements will differ.

TRAINING COSTS:

The Ministry of Education will pay the tuition fees for the approved course. Course materials and resources associated with the course are made available through the training provider and are to be used for study and with teachers and children in schools.

From time to time, RT:Lits will need to travel to block courses. Approved travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed by the Ministry of Education.

From term 4 2001 each RT:Lit position was supplied with a laptop for their training. These laptops remain property of the host school and move to the new host school when it changes. From term 4 2003, each RT:Lit may be

supplied with a laptop computer and appropriate technical support and software as part of the Laptops for Teacher Scheme.

EXEMPTION FROM TRAINING

All RT:Lits employed by the host school must complete an approved professional training course except where an exemption to the training has been granted to the RT:Lit by the Ministry upon the recommendation of the training provider.

RT:Lits with higher qualifications in literacy may apply for an exemption or practical exemption from the training. These RT:Lits will be supplied with full course information and any further explanation they may require to make a decision to apply to be exempt from the training. The relevant higher qualifications are:

- a New Zealand masters' degree in education, completed after 1998,* including at least two papers (or equivalent if completed by thesis) in literacy learning;
- a masters' degree in education from overseas, deemed by NZQA to be equivalent to a New Zealand master's degree, completed since 1998, including at least two papers (or equivalent if completed by thesis) in literacy learning;
- a masters' degree in education, in progress, with at least two papers in literacy learning completed.

Note: These qualifications will be on a case-by-case basis.

* For those RT:Lits beginning the course in 2001, this date was 1996