



Briefing Note: Cabinet paper: Education (Early Childhood Services Network Approval) Regulations 2022

To:	Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education		
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Purpose of paper

This paper seeks your feedback on the attached draft Cabinet paper for the Education (Early Childhood Services Network Approval) Regulations 2022 by 8 September 2022.

Recommended actions

- provide** feedback on the draft Cabinet paper by 8 September 2022
- agree** this Briefing Note is proactively released following the gazetting of the regulations, with any information that may need to be withheld done so in line with the provisions of the Official information Act 1982.

Release Not release

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Proactively Released

Background

1. We consulted on the final policy proposals for network management from 14 April to 2 June 2022. As advised in June, the proposals were well supported by the sector [METIS 1289566 refers].
2. On 29 July 2022 Cabinet agreed to the policy for new regulations for network management [CAB-22-MIN-0281 refers].

Cabinet Legislation Committee

3. The attached Cabinet paper seeks approval of the Education (Early Childhood Services Network Approval) Regulations 2022. The regulations would come into effect on 1 February 2023 when the relevant provisions in the Education and Training Act commence.
4. We have provided you with a near final version of the regulations which we are currently finalising with Parliamentary Counsel Office. We will provide you with an updated copy prior to lodging of the Cabinet paper.

Next steps

5. We propose to follow the timeline as set out below. We will send you a revised Cabinet paper on 21 September 2022 for lodgement on 22 September 2022. We intend to have the regulations published in October to give the sector as much advance notice and certainty as possible of these new regulations before they come into effect as part of network management on 1 February 2023.

Date	Activity
8 September 2022	Minister provides feedback
9 September – 20 September 2022	Departmental & Ministerial consultation
21 September 2022	To Minister to approve for lodging
22 September 2022	Cabinet paper & regs lodged
29 September 2022	Regulations approved by LEG
3 October 2022	Cabinet
3 October 2022	Executive Committee
October 2022	Regulations Gazetted

Annexes

- Annex 1: (Draft) Cabinet Paper: Education (Early Childhood Services Network Approval) Regulations 2022