



Education Report: 2021 and 2022 Mid-term Dates for Schools Implementing Cohort Policy

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Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

Approve the 2021 and 2022 mid-term dates for use by schools that implement a cohort entry policy for new entrants.

Approve the publication of the 2021 and 2022 mid-term dates for cohort entry in the New Zealand Gazette.

Summary

1. At schools that adopt cohort entry, children are able to start school in cohorts, twice per term. The two dates for students to start school during the term are the first day of term, and the mid-term date.
2. To apply cohort entry policy you must publish mid-term dates in July the year before. Mid-term dates for 2021 and 2022 are included for your approval.

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **Approve** the mid-term dates for state and state-integrated primary and special schools for 2021 and 2022, and

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- b. **Sign** the *New Zealand Gazette* notices (Appendix One and Two) for publication of the mid-term dates.

- a. **Proactively release** this Education Report as part of the next publication

☒ Release / ☐ Not release



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16/6/2020



Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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Background

1. Recent amendments to the Act in 2019 have changed the cohort entry policy provisions and took effect from 1 January 2020.
2. At schools that adopt cohort entry, children are able to start school in cohorts, twice per term. The two dates for students to start school during the term are the first day of term, and the mid-term date.
3. New entrants may start school, at any to the start of term or mid-term dates only, following their 5th birthday.
4. In order for schools to apply this policy you need to publish the mid-term dates for 2021 in the *New Zealand Gazette* by 1 July 2020; and for 2022 by 1 July 2021.

Mid-term dates

5. The mid-point of each term is the Monday nearest to half way between the first and last day of the term. Where Monday is a public holiday, the next working day will be used. For the first Term, we calculate using the latest possible start date of the Term.
6. The mid-term dates for approval are attached as Appendix One and Two.

Next Steps

7. The approved dates and explanatory notes will be published in the *New Zealand Gazette* and communicated to all schools through the School Bulletin.

Proactive Release

8. It is intended that this Education Report is proactively released as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information which may need to be withheld will be redacted in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act.

Appendices

Appendix One: Notice of the 2021 Mid-term Dates

Appendix Two: Notice of the 2022 Mid-term Dates

Appendix One: 2021 Mid-term Dates Notice for New Zealand Gazette

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NOTICE FOR NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE

2021 Mid-Term Dates for Schools Implementing Cohort Entry Policy

Under section 5B(3) of the Education Act 1989, I prescribe the mid-term dates for the 2021 school year as:

Term	Start of term date	Mid-term date	End of term date
1	9/02/2021	15/03/2021	16/04/2021
2	3/05/2021	8/06/2021 (Tuesday)	9/07/2021
3	26/07/2021	30/08/2021	1/10/2021
4	18/10/2021	15/11/2021	20/12/2021

The mid-term dates have been prescribed to determine when new entrants can start school under a cohort entry policy.

This notice takes effect on the date of publication.

Dated at Wellington this 30th day of June 2020.



Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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NOTICE FOR NEW ZEALAND GAZETTE

2022 Mid-Term Dates for Schools Implementing Cohort Entry Policy

Under section 5B(3) of the Education Act 1989, I prescribe the mid-term dates for the 2022 school year as:

Term	Start of term date	Mid-term date	End of term date
1	8/02/2022	14/03/2022	14/04/2022
2	2/05/2022	7/06/2022 (Tuesday)	8/07/2022
3	25/07/2022	29/08/2022	30/09/2022
4	17/10/2022	21/11/20202	20/12/2022

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