**Literacy Test**

To meet the requirements of the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand you need to complete a short assessment in literacy. Effective and engaging teaching of literacy is a vitally important part of every teacher’s role and it is important, of course, that teachers have strong reading and writing skills themselves.

The literacy test (45 minutes) will involve reading an article and answering some multiple-choice questions about the article.

The text you will read is the introduction to the 2007 New Zealand Curriculum written by Karen Sewell, the Secretary of Education at the time. This text was selected for the test because *The New Zealand Curriculum* is a key document that teachers in New Zealand need to be familiar with and successful applicants will work with this document during their Initial Teacher Education programme. It is also similar in style and complexity to other texts professional teachers engage with on a daily basis.

During the literacy test, we recommend that you do the following:

* Begin by reading through the whole text at least once to get an overall sense of its purpose, structure and main ideas.
* Carefully read the instructions and questions very closely so you fully understand what you are being asked.
* Check your answers by closely reading and re-reading relevant parts of the text.
* Remember with multi-choice tests that the correct answer is the best answer so after making your first selection, check that another option isn’t even better.