

# Guidelines Booklet: Career Changer Scholarships

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## General information

Please read every page of this booklet carefully as it contains important information to help you decide whether or not to apply for a scholarship and how to fill out the Career Changers Application Form.

Applicants must submit a complete application form with all necessary documents attached. Incomplete or illegible applications will not be considered.

We strongly recommend your form is double checked before it is submitted.

Applications open 16 October 2009 and close 16 November 2009.

## More information about TeachNZ Career Changer scholarships

TeachNZ aims to encourage more people to study for teaching qualifications.

Career Changer scholarships are for people with work experience who are considering a change of career to teaching. There are three types of scholarships – Māori Medium (primary school), Te Reo Māori (secondary school) and Technology (secondary school).

The purpose of the Māori Medium Career Changer scholarships is to increase the number of teachers in bilingual and total immersion classes in primary schools.

The purpose of the Te Reo Māori and Technology Career Changer scholarships is to increase the number of Te Reo Māori teachers in secondary schools and Technology teachers in intermediate and secondary schools.

TeachNZ scholarships provide financial assistance over the period of teacher education. For information about other forms of financial help while you study, please contact StudyLink. StudyLink is part of the Ministry of Social Development and administers Student Loans and Allowances. You can contact StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00.

The booklets 'Is There a Place for You in Primary Teaching?' and 'Is There a Place for You in Secondary Teaching?' give information on primary and secondary teacher education programmes of study. The booklets are available on our website [www.TeachNZ.govt.nz](http://www.TeachNZ.govt.nz)

If you need further information please visit [www.TeachNZ.govt.nz](http://www.TeachNZ.govt.nz) or email us at [TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt](mailto:TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt)

## What are the scholarships worth?

A Māori Medium Career Changer scholarship pays your course fees for up to three full-time years. For full-time students only, the scholarship also pays an allowance. The allowance is \$30,000 for each year of training (up to three full-time years). You must pass all your papers in a year to receive an allowance the following year.

A Te Reo Māori Career Changer scholarship pays your course fees for one full-time year. For full-time students only, the scholarship also pays an allowance. The allowance is \$30,000 for one full-time year.

A Technology Career Changer scholarship pays your course fees up to two full-time years. For full-time students only, the scholarship also pays an allowance. The allowance is \$30,000 for each year of training (up to two full-time years). You must pass all your papers in a year to receive an allowance the following year.

Please refer to FAQ #16-24 in this booklet for more information.

**Note:** You can receive only one type of Teacher Recruitment scholarship.

## How many Career Changer scholarships are there?

Scholarship numbers are capped.

CAREER CHANGER SCHOLARSHIP TYPE	NUMBER AVAILABLE
Māori Medium (Primary)	50
Technology (Secondary)	30
Te Reo Māori (Secondary)	15

## How the Career Changer scholarships are awarded

### Te Reo Māori and Māori Medium Career Changer scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and previous work experience in education or teaching with those applicants with the highest academic qualifications being given priority.

### Technology Career Changer scholarships

Applications will be awarded on the basis of academic merit. Highest priority will be given to those applicants who are enrolling in a one-year programme to upgrade their trade or technology qualification to level 7 followed by a one year teaching programme, and those enrolling in a two year conjoint programme including teacher education. (Eligibility options 1 and 2). Remaining scholarships will be awarded to those who can go straight into a Graduate Diploma of Teaching programme (Option 3). Factors such as technology subjects of highest need will be considered when assessing those with qualifications of the same level.

Currently Graphics, Resistant Materials and Electronics have highest priority.

The list of technology subjects is as follows:

- » Bio and Chemical related
- » Design
- » Digital Information
- » Digital Media
- » Digital Infrastructure
- » Electronics
- » Food
- » Graphics
- » Programming and Computer Science
- » Resistant Materials
- » Textiles

Please refer to **FAQ #27** in this booklet for more information.

All the eligibility criteria for scholarships and information about how they will be awarded are set out in the table on page 4.

## Who can apply for a Career Changer scholarship?

### Māori Medium Career Changer scholarship

To be considered for a Career Changer scholarship in Māori Medium, you must be:

- » a Māori language speaker
- » have worked in a paid or voluntary capacity for at least six years since leaving secondary school
- » want a career change to teach as a primary teacher in a Māori Medium school.

### Te Reo Māori Career Changer scholarship

To be considered for a Career Changer scholarship in Te Reo Māori, you must:

- » have worked for at least three years since leaving secondary school
- » be a graduate with at least one 300-level paper in Māori language
- » want a career change to teach Māori language at secondary school level

### Technology Career Changer scholarship

To be considered for a Career Changer scholarship in Technology, you must:

- » be suitably qualified and experienced
- » have worked for at least three years in technology after completing a technology/trade qualification
- » want a career change to teach a technology subject at secondary school level

All the eligibility criteria are listed in the table on page 4.

## Scholarship agreement

### Accepting a scholarship

If your application is successful, TeachNZ will send you:

- » a letter offering you a scholarship
- » an agreement setting out the terms and conditions of the scholarship
- » a form for you to complete to confirm that you have been accepted into an approved teacher education qualification.

If you wish to accept the scholarship, you must read, sign, and return the scholarship agreement to TeachNZ. Once TeachNZ receives your signed agreement, we will award you the scholarship.

### How fees are paid

Your fees are paid for each year of full-time or part-time study for an approved qualification. Fees are paid up to a maximum of three full-time years for Māori Medium, two full-time years for Technology and one full-time year for Te Reo Māori.

StudyLink manages the payment of fees and allowances on behalf of TeachNZ. When we have awarded you a scholarship, StudyLink confirms with your education provider that you are enrolled. StudyLink then pays your course fees directly to your education provider.

You must arrange initial payment of your fees. Once TeachNZ pays your fees, the provider will then make a refund.

The refund is made:

- » to you if you paid the fees
- » to your Student Loan if that is how you paid your fees.

**Note:** TeachNZ is not responsible for your fees being paid by the due date.

Please refer to **FAQ #20–22** in this booklet for more information.

### How allowances are paid

StudyLink pays allowances directly into a student's bank account. Part-time students are not eligible for an allowance unless StudyLink has granted 'limited full-time' status.

The \$30,000 annual allowance is paid in fortnightly instalments over the academic year.

If your course is longer than one year, you must pass all your papers each year to receive an allowance the following year.

Please refer to **FAQ #23 and 24** in this booklet for more information.

### Teaching in New Zealand when you finish studying

If you receive a Career Changer scholarship, you are required to teach in a New Zealand state or state-integrated school, after you have finished your teacher education.

The number of years that you have to teach is called a 'bond period'. You must complete your bond period within a certain time after graduation. All scholarship recipients are bonded for at least two years.

Details are shown in the table below.

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME YRS SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED	REQUIRED NUMBER OF TEACHING YEARS (BOND PERIOD)		
	TE REO MĀORI	MĀORI MEDIUM	TECHNOLOGY
1 year	2 years within the 4 after graduation	2 years within the 4 after graduation	2 years within the 4 after graduation
2 years	–	4 years within the 8 after graduation	4 years within the 8 after graduation
3 years	–	6 years within the 10 after graduation	–

This table is an example only. If you are successful, your Scholarship Terms and Conditions will set out your bond period.

If you receive a Te Reo Māori Career Changer scholarship, you must teach Te Reo Māori to Year 9–13 students in a state or state-integrated secondary school for the whole bond period.

If you receive a Māori Medium Career Changer scholarship, you must teach in a Māori Medium classroom in a state or state-integrated primary school for the whole bond period.

If you receive a Technology Career Changer scholarship, you must teach Technology to Year 7–13 students in a state or state-integrated intermediate or secondary school for the whole bond period.

Please refer to FAQ #25, 26 and 30 in this booklet for more information.

### If you do not complete your study or bond period

You have to repay the fees and allowance money if you don't finish your qualification or don't meet your bond requirements.

The scholarship agreement includes details of repayment.

## Approved teacher education qualifications – Technology/Te Reo Māori only

**Note:** You are eligible for a Career Changer scholarship only if you have started the process of enrolling in an approved teacher education qualification.

The booklet 'Is There a Place for You in Secondary Teaching?' gives information on secondary teacher education. The booklet is on our website [www.TeachNZ.govt.nz](http://www.TeachNZ.govt.nz)

## Approved teacher education qualifications – Māori Medium

The booklet 'Is There a Place for You in Primary Teaching?' gives information on primary teacher education.

Qualifications approved as at September 2009 are listed below.

Any new qualifications approved after September 2009 will be listed on the TeachNZ website.

## Approved Māori Medium teacher education qualifications as at September 2009

**The University of Auckland Faculty of Education**  
AU4096 Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori Specialisation

**Te Wānanga Takiura o ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa**  
PC3153 Diploma of Teaching Kura Kaupapa Māori (Primary)

**The University of Waikato School of Education**  
WIAM03 Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) Kākano Rua

The following papers must be included:  
TEMB103, TEMB201, TEMB202, TEMB220, TEMB320

**Te Wānanga o Aotearoa**  
A11057 Te Korowai Ākonga Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)

**Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi**  
AW1311 Te Tohu Paetahi Mātauranga Māori  
Bachelor of Māori Education (Teaching)

AW1315 Te Tohu Paetahi Ako (Te Iti Rearea) Tino Rangatiratanga Model  
Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Māori Education)

**Anamata Private Training Establishment**  
PC9758 Tohu Ako Paetahi: Mā Te Reo Māori  
Bachelor of Teaching: Māori Medium

**Te Wānanga-o-Raukawa**  
RK0014 Poutuārongo Whakaakoranga

RK0058 Poutuārongo Te Rangakura – Kaiwhakaako

**University of Otago College of Education**  
O00469 Bachelor of Teaching – Te Pōkai Mātauranga o Te Ao Rua  
(Primary Bilingual Education)

# Eligibility and information about how scholarships are awarded

TECHNOLOGY	TE REO MĀORI	MĀORI MEDIUM
<p><b>Eligibility criteria</b></p> <p>There are three study programme eligibility options for Career Changers.</p> <p><b>Option 1</b> Under Option 1, you complete a one-year level 7 technology-related qualification followed by an approved one-year secondary teacher education qualification. You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» have a trade or technology qualification, which you followed with at least three years of relevant work experience.</li> <li>or</li> <li>have a level 6 (or equivalent) qualification, which you followed with at least three years of relevant work experience.</li> <li>» have started the process of enrolling or be enrolled in a one-year level 7 qualification in an area related to technology subjects taught in secondary schools.</li> </ul> <p><b>Option 2</b> Under Option 2, you complete a one-year level 7 technology-related qualification followed by a one year secondary teacher education qualification (conjointly). You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» have a trade or technology qualification, which you followed with at least three years of relevant work experience.</li> <li>or</li> <li>have a level 6 (or equivalent) qualification, which you followed with at least three years of relevant work experience.</li> <li>» have started the process of enrolling or be enrolled in a relevant degree and conjoint approved secondary teacher education qualification.</li> </ul> <p><b>Option 3</b> Under Option 3, you complete an approved secondary teacher education qualification. You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» have a relevant technology degree or level 7 qualification, which you followed with at least three years of relevant work experience.</li> <li>» have started the process of enrolling or be enrolled in an approved one-year secondary teacher education qualification.</li> </ul> <p>Under Options 1, 2 or 3 you must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident to be eligible for a Teacher Recruitment scholarship.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility criteria</b></p> <p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» have a degree with at least one 300-level paper in Māori language (or an equivalent qualification)</li> <li>» have worked for at least three years since leaving school.</li> <li>» have started the process of enrolling in an approved one-year secondary teacher education qualification that includes Māori language as a teaching subject.</li> <li>» be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident to be eligible for a Teacher Recruitment scholarship.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eligibility criteria</b></p> <p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» have worked for at least six years since leaving school.</li> <li>» have started the process of enrolling in one of the Māori Medium teacher education qualifications listed on page 3 of this booklet.</li> <li>» be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident to be eligible for a Teacher Recruitment scholarship.</li> </ul>

HOW SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED		
<p>Applications will be awarded on the basis of academic merit. Highest priority will be given to those applicants who are enrolling on a one-year programme to upgrade their trade or technology qualification to level 7 followed by a one-year teaching programme, and those enrolling in a two-year conjoint programme including teacher education. (Eligibility options 1 and 2). Remaining scholarships will be awarded to those who can go straight into a Graduate Diploma of Teaching programme (Option 3). Factors such as technology subjects of highest need will be considered when assessing those with qualifications of the same level.</p> <p>Currently Graphics, Resistant Materials and Electronics have highest priority.</p> <p>The list of technology subjects is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Bio and Chemical related</li> <li>» Design</li> <li>» Digital Information</li> <li>» Digital Media</li> <li>» Digital Infrastructure</li> <li>» Electronics</li> <li>» Food</li> <li>» Graphics</li> <li>» Programming and Computer Science</li> <li>» Resistant Materials</li> <li>» Textiles</li> </ul>	<p>Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and previous work experience (paid and unpaid) in education or teaching with those applicants with the highest qualifications being given priority.</p>	<p>Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and previous work experience (paid and unpaid) in education or teaching with those applicants with the highest qualifications being given priority.</p>

NOTES
<p>Incomplete or illegible application forms will not be returned to the applicant and will not be considered for a scholarship.</p> <p>Your application must be postmarked on or before the closing date of 16 November 2009. If your application is late it will not be considered.</p>

# The application process

## Technology

- » Do you have a trade or technology qualification OR Level 6 (or an equivalent qualification), which you followed with at least three years of relevant work experience?
- » Have you started the process of enrolling in a one-year study programme for a level 7 qualification or an approved secondary teacher education qualification with technology as a teaching subject?
- » Do you have a qualification and work experience that would enable you to complete your teacher education qualification within two years?

Continue only if you answered yes to these questions. If you need more information, please contact TeachNZ Administration by sending an email to [TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt.nz)

## Te Reo Māori

- » Do you have a degree with at least one 300-level paper in Māori language (or an equivalent qualification)?
- » Have you worked for at least three years?
- » Have you started the process of enrolling in an approved one-year secondary teacher education qualification that includes Māori language as a teaching subject?

Continue only if you answered yes to these questions. If you need more information, please contact TeachNZ Administration by sending an email to [TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt.nz)

## Māori Medium

- » Have you worked for at least six years?
- » Do you speak Maori?
- » Have you started the process of enrolling in an approved Māori-Medium teacher education qualification?

Continue only if you answered yes to these questions. If you need more information, please contact TeachNZ Administration by sending an email to [TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt.nz)

**Read and complete** the application form. Make sure the declaration is signed and dated.

**Make** photocopies of documentation to prove your:

- » Name and date of birth
- » Change of name (if applicable)
- » Residency status (if necessary)
- » IRD number
- » your highest academic qualification, or partially completed qualification
- » your official academic transcript showing evidence of:
  - » at least one 300 level paper in Te Reo Māori (Te Reo Māori scholarship only) or
  - » your relevant qualification and/or trade qualification, if applicable, (Māori Medium and Technology scholarships only).

Please refer to FAQ #3–13 in this booklet for more information.

**Get** your photocopied documents certified by getting them stamped on the front page of the document and endorsed as a true copy of the original.

Any one of the following people can certify a photocopy:

- » a school principal
- » a minister of religion
- » a kaumātua
- » a registered medical practitioner
- » a police officer
- » a Justice of the Peace
- » a member of the administrative staff at any tertiary education provider.

**Attach** the certified copies to your application form.

**Have** your form checked prior to submitting it.

**Post** your completed application form and attached documents by the application closing date to:

TeachNZ Scholarships, Ministry of Education, PO Box 1666, Wellington 6140.

We will let you know when we have received your application. Please contact us if your application has not been acknowledged within three weeks.

We will consider your application and let you know whether you have been offered a scholarship.

**We cannot consider you for a scholarship unless your application form is complete. Incomplete or illegible application forms will not be considered and will not be returned to applicants.**

# Frequently asked questions

## Help Filling Out Application Form

### 1] What is considered an incomplete application?

An incomplete application is when the application form is not complete or illegible and/or all necessary documentation is not provided.

### 2] What if the name my education provider knows me by is different from the name on my validation documents?

Please ensure that you fill in on the application form the name that your education provider knows you by.

### 3] What documentation do I need to attach to my application?

You must attach A4-size certified photocopies to prove your:

- » Name and date of birth
- » Change of name (if applicable)
- » Residency status (if necessary)
- » IRD number
- » Highest academic qualification or partially completed qualification
- » Your official academic transcript showing evidence of:
  - » Te Reo Māori: At least one 300-level paper in Te Reo Māori
  - » Māori Medium and Technology: Your relevant qualification and/or trade qualification (if applicable)

### 4] What is a 'certified copy'?

Certified copies are photocopies that have been stamped on the front page of the document and endorsed as a true copy of the original. Any one of the following people can certify a photocopy:

- » a school principal
- » a minister of religion
- » a kaumātua
- » a registered medical professional
- » a police officer
- » a member of the administrative staff at any tertiary education provider
- » a Justice of the Peace (you can find a list of local Justices of the Peace in the Yellow Pages)

### 5] What documentation is required as proof of my name and date of birth?

One of the following:

- » Passport
- » Birth certificate
- » Certificate of citizenship

### 6] What documentation is required as proof of my name change?

One of the following:

- » Marriage certificate
- » Deed poll
- » Birth certificate (that shows name change)

### 7] What documentation is required as proof of my residency status?

One of the following:

- » NZ passport
- » NZ birth certificate
- » Copy of passport with permanent resident stamp

### 8] What documentation is required as proof of my IRD number?

- » A letter from IRD
- » IRD card
- » IRD tax summary
- » Handwritten evidence of number, stamped by IRD office
- » Letter from StudyLink that shows IRD number

### 9] What documentation is required as proof of my highest qualification and academic results?

One of the following:

- » Official certificate of qualification including National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Level
- » Official academic transcript (results)
- » New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) assessment
- » Letter from recognised NZ tertiary provider

**Note:** This must include every year of study.

### 10] What do I do if I have overseas qualifications?

Overseas qualifications must be assessed by the NZQA prior to submitting your application. You can apply to get your overseas qualifications assessed online at [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz) or by contacting NZQA on 0800 697 296. All papers must be translated into English.

**Note:** NZQA will take several weeks to assess these.

### 11] What if I am currently completing a qualification or I have partially completed a qualification?

If you are completing a qualification, you will need to provide evidence of this when you are awarded a scholarship (e.g. academic transcript).

### 12] What do I do if have lost my qualifications?

If you have lost your qualifications these will need to be replaced and copies provided. It is your responsibility to contact NZQA or your tertiary education provider to request copies.

### 13] What are equivalent qualifications?

Equivalent qualifications are ones that are considered the same level on the National Qualifications Framework. For example, NCEA level 2 is equivalent to 6th form certificate.

## Work Experience

### 14] What counts as work experience for Technology Career Changers?

The work does not have to be related to teaching or education.

If applying for a Technology Career Changer scholarship, this must be a minimum of three years relevant work experience (one year = 2,000 hours approximately) after the completion of a technology/trade qualification.

### 15] What counts as work experience for Te Reo/Māori Medium Career Changers?

If applying for Māori Medium Career Changer scholarship, this must be a minimum of six years paid or unpaid work experience (one year = 2,000 hours approximately) after secondary school.

If applying for a Te Reo Māori Career Changer scholarship, this must be a minimum of three years paid or unpaid work experience after secondary school.

Please ensure you include previous work experience in education or teaching.

## Study

### 16] Who are the approved tertiary education providers?

Refer to the Approved Teacher Education Qualifications on page 3 of this booklet for a list of all Māori Medium approved teacher education qualifications. For Technology and Te Reo Māori, the booklet 'Is There a Place for You in Secondary Teaching?' gives information on secondary teacher education. This booklet is available on our website [www.TeachNZ.govt.nz](http://www.TeachNZ.govt.nz)

### 17] What qualifications do I need to enrol at university?

The New Zealand university entrance standard is a minimum of 42 credits at National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 or higher including:

- » a minimum of 14 credits at level 3 or higher in each of two subjects from an 'approved subject' list, with a further 14 credits at level 3 or higher from no more than two additional domains or 'approved subjects'
- » a minimum of 14 numeracy credits at level 1 or higher in mathematics or pāngarau
- » a minimum of eight literacy credits at level 2 or higher in English or Māori language, four credits of which must be in reading and four credits of which must be in writing.

**Note:** Your provider may have alternative entrance requirements so please check with them. If you are over 20, special admission may apply, so check with your teacher education provider.

### 18] What is a full-time student?

Students are full time if they are enrolled in a programme of at least 32 weeks full-time study. They must also be enrolled in a study programme that makes up at least 80% of a full-time study programme. Students who have been granted limited full-time status for Student Loan or student allowance purposes are also considered full time.

### 19] What does 'limited full-time status' mean?

You might qualify for limited full-time status if:

- » you have had advice from your education provider to study less than full time (for example, because of illness or disability); or
- » you are finishing a recognised qualification and to do this you need to study less than full time but more than half time.

Contact StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00 to find out if you qualify.

## Fees

### 20] What are course fees?

Course fees are the compulsory fees charged for each paper in which you are enrolled and compulsory student levies. Course fees do not include any course-related costs such as stationery, books, computer equipment, or travel. You will have to pay course fees personally or with a Student Loan.

### 21] What do I do if my fees are due now?

TeachNZ is not responsible for fees being paid on time or for any late fees. You can apply for a Student Loan to pay fees. If a scholarship is granted, these fees are reimbursed.

### 22] Should I take out a Student Loan?

If you are unable to pay your fees, you should apply for a Student Loan by contacting StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00.

## Scholarship Payments

### 23] Do I need to pass all of my papers each year to continue my scholarship?

**Scholarship fees:** You need to pass **at least half your papers** each year to have your fees paid by the scholarship the following year and to continue with the scholarship.

**Scholarship allowances:** To be eligible for a TeachNZ allowance payment you must be studying full-time. To be considered full-time you must study at least 0.8 EFTS (equivalent full-time student) within the academic year. 1 EFTS is usually considered to be a standard year of full-time study by most providers.

Credits awarded to you through cross-crediting or RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) are not considered by TeachNZ when assessing whether or not your study has been full time.

If you are not sure whether your study would be considered full time you can check with your provider or TeachNZ.

**You must pass all of the papers you enrol in within an academic year to receive an allowance payment the following year.**

## 24] Will I have to pay tax on the teacher recruitment scholarship?

No, allowance payments are not taxable.

## Bonding

### 25] Can I teach at a private school during my bond period?

No, Teacher Recruitment scholarship graduates are required to teach in a state or state-integrated school for the period of their bond.

### 26] What if I don't get a job when I graduate?

Because the scholarships are targeted at identified areas of need, it is expected that positions will be available. However, you are responsible for applying for vacant positions wherever they are in New Zealand. If you do not get a job and do not teach for the required bond period, you have to repay your fees and allowance payments.

## Technology Applicants Only

### 27] What technology subjects are taught in secondary schools?

Technology subjects taught in secondary schools are:

- » Bio and chemical related technology – skills and knowledge about using living systems, organisms and chemicals to develop products
- » Design – skills and knowledge in conceptualising and developing ideas for a range of products
- » Digital Information – skills and knowledge in the use of digital tools and systems to manage information
- » Digital Infrastructure – skills and knowledge in the application of software, hardware, networks and their components
- » Digital Media – skills and knowledge of digital media and the production of digital media products
- » Electronics – skills and knowledge about electronic circuits and embedded software systems
- » Food – skills and knowledge in developing, producing, presenting, and storing food products
- » Graphics – skills and knowledge in the visual communication of design ideas in areas such as architecture, graphic design, engineering/product design
- » Programming and Computer Science – skills and knowledge in the application of computer science and software engineering
- » Resistant Materials – skills and knowledge in materials, their properties, creation and use
- » Textiles – skills and knowledge in materials for a range of textile products and fashion design

### 28] What technology subject shall I choose?

Review the list above and choose whichever subject corresponds with your work experience.

### 29] I am considering changing my career. What qualifications do I need?

If you are a career changer applying under Option 1 or Option 2, you must complete a level 7 qualification, such as a degree or a diploma, in a technology-related area. Talk to a tertiary provider to find out what you need to do to gain a level 7 qualification. Some providers may give some credit for your trade qualification or your work experience.

If you are a career changer applying under Option 3 you must have a level 7 qualification, such as a degree or a diploma, in a technology-related area. If you want further advice on qualifications email [Teachnz.Admin@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:Teachnz.Admin@minedu.govt.nz)

## Māori Medium Applicants Only

### 30] What is a Māori Medium classroom?

In Māori Medium classrooms in state and state-integrated schools, lessons are taught in Māori for at least 12% of the time.

## Unsuccessful Candidates

### 31] If I miss out on a scholarship can I re-apply later?

If your initial application is not successful you can re-apply in the next scholarship round if you still meet the eligibility criteria.

## TeachNZ Contact Details

### 32] If I have questions after I have put in my application, who do I contact?

TeachNZ Administration will be happy to answer any questions you might have about scholarships. You can email us a [TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt.nz](mailto:TeachNZ.Admin@minedu.govt.nz). You will also find additional information at [www.TeachNZ.govt.nz](http://www.TeachNZ.govt.nz)

### 33] Where do I send my completed application form?

Post your completed application in a stamped A4 envelope to:

TeachNZ Career Changers scholarships  
Ministry of Education  
PO Box 1666  
Wellington 6140

Your application must be postmarked on or before the closing date of 16 November 2009. If your application is too late it will not be processed and we will notify you that your application is unsuccessful when we notify all our other applicants.

We will send you an email to let you know we have received your application. Please contact us if your application has not been acknowledged within three weeks.