

EDUCATION (HOSTELS) REGULATIONS 2005

Implementation Newsletter

February 2006

This introductory newsletter is primarily for owners of hostels providing accommodation to students enrolled at a registered school. It may, however, also be of interest to many others (such as schools, parents and boarders). Please feel free to copy and circulate the newsletter widely.

Education (Hostels) Regulations 2005

The Regulations come in to force on 1 March 2006. There is a 12-month transition period for hostels to become licensed. The Regulations may be viewed on line at:

http://www.legislation.govt.nz/browse_vw.asp?content-set=pal_regs

The definition of a 'hostel' covers a wide range of boarding establishments – for example – residential special schools, hostels run by state and integrated schools, health camps and private hostels serving groups of international students attending registered schools.

Regulation 5 specifies the hostels to which the Regulations relate. They relate to a hostel if, –

“(a) the hostel is used for the accommodation of 5 or more students of whom none is in anyway a family member of, or related to, the owner; and (b) each student’s accommodation is provided for valuable consideration and for 1 or more periods each of which is longer than 3 consecutive nights.”

The Licensing Authority

The Ministry of Education is the Licensing Authority and is responsible for the administration of the Regulations. Jim Sinclair will be managing the implementation of the regulations including the applications for, and the grant or renewal of, licences.

Jim has spent many years in education, including 18 years as a secondary school principal. Since 2002 he has worked for the Ministry as the Administrator of the *Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students*.

Licensing Authority contact details:

The office is staffed by Jim Sinclair and Susanne Preuss and is based at the Auckland office of the Ministry of Education.

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It is envisaged that web-based resources will (eventually) include:

- guidelines to support the Regulations
- licence application forms and checklists
- frequently asked questions
- newsletters
- links to other websites
- a current list of licensed hostels.

Transition Timeline

February to March 2006

- Copies of the Regulations and supporting guidelines will be printed and distributed to hostel owners and other stakeholders.

April to June 2006

- A series of seminars around New Zealand will be arranged to clarify the Regulations and the licensing process.
- Hostel owners and others will be provided with licence application forms and checklists, and notified about the seminar venues and dates.

July to December 2006

- Hostel owners submit licence applications.

Note: The Licensing Authority will not be in a position to receive applications prior to July.

January to February 2007

- Licensing Authority issues licences.

Urgent

Hostel Owners: Please check that we have your correct contact details and notify the Licensing Authority of any changes required.

For further information please contact us:

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