

EDUCATION (HOSTELS) REGULATIONS 2005

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To all, who are involved in school boarding establishments

In our third newsletter we want to clarify issues regarding the hostel application and update you on the latest news.

New team member

The Hostel Licensing Authority welcomes a new team member. Greg Taylor is the recently retired principal of Mt Albert Grammar School. His hostel experience will help in managing the application process from 01st July 2006 on.

Hostel seminars

The hostel implementation seminars have now been completed. Representatives from 92 hostels attended. We would like to thank the attendees for their support and the help we received during these meetings. It was very nice to meet everybody.

Issued raised at the seminars

There were two main issues arising from the seminars.

Which of the following accommodation options require a hostel licence under the hostel regulations 2005?

* **School hostels:** yes

* **Health Camps:** yes

* **CYFS family homes:** yes, if 5 or more students unrelated to the family are boarding for education purposes

* **Private dwellings:** yes, if 5 or more students unrelated to the family are boarding for education purposes

* **Private dwelling used to accommodate hostel students during school holiday time:** yes, if 5 or more students unrelated to the family are boarding for education purposes

* **Privately owned lodges:** generally no, because they are not mainly used for boarding students for education purposes. Please contact the Hostel office if unsure.

* **Hospital schools:** no, because they are not mainly used for boarding students for education purposes

Who is the **owner of the hostel** for the purpose of licensing?

The owner of a hostel is not necessarily the owner of the property but the owner of the operation of the hostel.

For most state schools the owner will be the Board of Trustees.

Most integrated and private schools will have a separate Hostel Trust Board.

Website downloads

We will try to make the application process as efficient and easy for you as possible.

Please find a downloadable version of the application form on our website. (www.minedu.govt.nz >> under schools on the left hand side of this page >> hostel regulations) Moreover we will try to provide templates that might be useful. So far you can download a template to hand out to Board of Trustees members re the fit and proper status.

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