

Becoming a SPELD NZ Teacher



After successful completion of the Level 5 Certificate programme, graduates may apply for SPELD NZ Probationary Teacher Registration. The probationary period generally lasts for one to two years, during which time the probationary teacher can take up to five students at one time. When fully certified, there is no limit to student numbers.

Probationary teachers are allocated a mentor. This is a friendly and supportive system whereby probationary teachers are connected with an experienced SPELD NZ Teacher for the probationary period.

SPELD NZ Teachers are independent contractors, taking SPELD NZ-referred students. Lessons are generally one hour per week during school terms. SPELD NZ Teachers are trained to interpret Woodcock-Johnson and WISC assessment reports and use the findings to provide highly targeted remediation.

Fully registered SPELD NZ teachers must fulfil professional development requirements to re-certificate every 3 years. SPELD NZ is recognised by NZCER and NZQA. We have a hard-won reputation to uphold. Part of the reputation has been earned as a result of the rigour of our professional development and certification process. SPELD NZ's Local Liaison Groups host professional development events. Teachers may also acquire professional development credits through attendance at our triennial SPELD NZ conference, and through other reputable organisations.

Professional membership: SPELD NZ is a not-for-profit, registered charity and receives no government funding. We are reliant on membership subscriptions and fundraising to provide operating expenses for the organisation. Professional membership is \$110 per year for prompt payment.

Professional membership includes:

- SPELD NZ referrals
- SPELD NZ mentoring
- A teacher's low-income families being eligible to apply for financial assistance for lessons through us
- Regular electronic *Updates/Pānui* for SPELD NZ professionals
- Online access to SPELD NZ professional member documents/resources
- Full professional indemnity insurance
- **A pathway to NZ Teaching Council registration (in Subject to Confirmation category)**
- SPELD NZ marketing in your area e.g. we can target mail-outs to specific schools close to you or send you marketing material to distribute
- Collegial support from the SPELD NZ professional community
- A discounted rate for attending SPELD NZ PD workshops & conferences
- Access to SPELD NZ resource libraries
- SPELD NZ's magazine *The Record* three times a year

