

New Zealand Suzuki Institute

Policy for accrediting teacher training courses taken overseas

This policy covers the following situations:

A. Teachers who start their training in NZ, are on the NZSI Teacher Registry and have undertaken some training overseas.

B. Teachers who have done all their training overseas and are not on the NZSI teacher registry.

C. Teachers who have undertaken training at an overseas conference.
Note: This training will only be accredited if content, training hours and observation requirements are comparable to NZSI's training programme. Suitable evidence will be required of attendance at the conference and the hours of training undertaken. In other circumstances, attendance at a conference will be regarded as professional development and count towards hours of professional development for registration purposes only.

Criteria for overseas teacher training to be accredited

1. Teacher membership of the NZSI and listing on the NZSI Teacher Registry.
2. Details of overseas Suzuki training will need to be provided including the name of the teacher trainer with whom the training was undertaken, the books studied, the number of hours of training and observation at each book. An applicant's training record will need to be signed by either the teacher trainer concerned or the Institute to confirm attendance and completion. Applicants whose entire training has been undertaken overseas will be required to provide a brief CV.

The Professional Advisory Group of the NZSI will consider applications in April and September each year.

Where an application is accepted the teacher will be required to sit an assessment according to the NZSI Teacher Training Programme at the most advanced level of training undertaken overseas. Upon successful completion of the assessment, the overseas teacher training will be accredited accordingly.

The NZSI Director of Teacher Training will be responsible for the administration of this policy. Administration to include sending out policy and application form upon request and passing the completed application on to the Professional Advisory Group for its consideration. The DTT will notify the applicant of the outcome and where appropriate provide the applicant with an assessment application form.