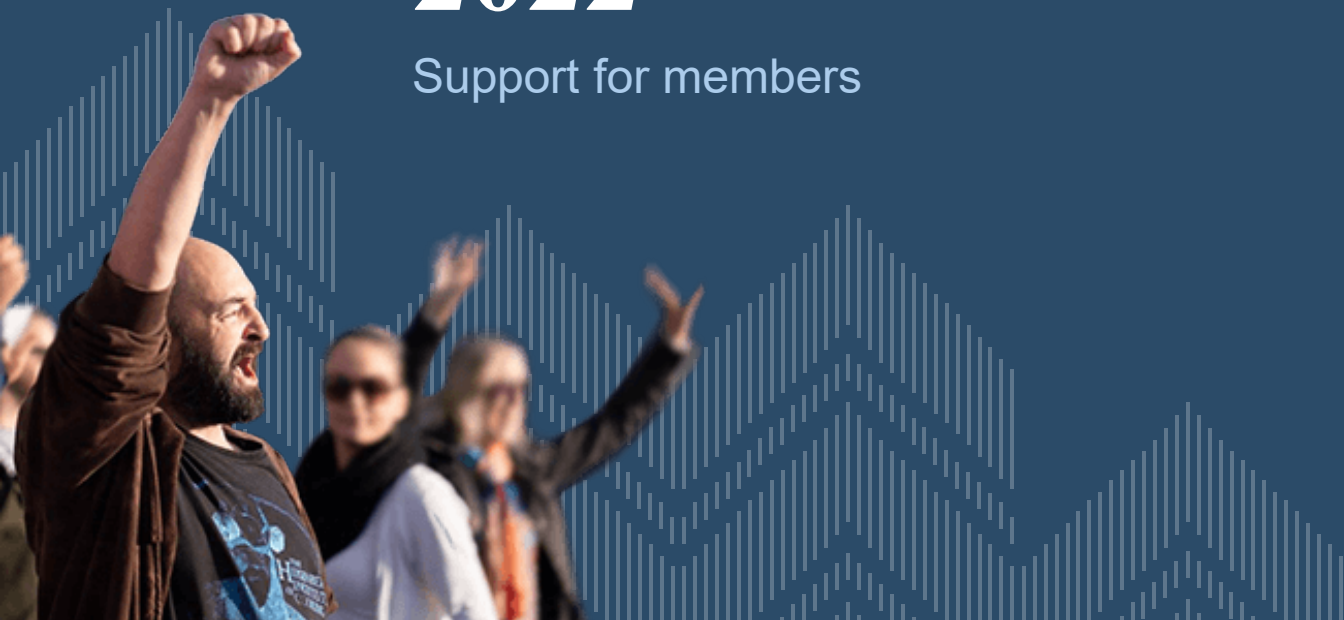


# Teaching Council fees and levy consultation 2022

Support for members



## A note on submissions

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- You don't have to cover all these points
- Choose the ones that stand out to you as being most important
- Add in other any other points that you have
- You don't have to use the Teaching Council's form



# PPTA's concerns

# General concerns

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- The Teaching Council has expanded its functions since 2010.
- It now wants to pass on these costs to teachers.
- Our members have told us they don't want the Teaching Council to have these expanded functions.
- They don't want to pay for them.

# What we want the Council to do

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“Entrances and exits”

1. Monitor ITE
2. Registration
3. Conduct and competency

All things they were doing in 2010

# What we don't want them to do

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- provide direction for teachers
- enhance the status of teachers
- identify and disseminate best practice in teaching and foster the profession's continued development in light of research and evidence of changes in society and technology

In short: no professional development please

# What about the leadership stuff?

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- The changes to the Teaching Council legislation now make any of the work relating to leadership:
  - Optional (not required by law)
  - Subject to Ministerial approval
  - Not subject to a fee or levy

# Concern 1: the process is not user friendly

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- The documents are long and complex:
  - 50 pages!
  - 20 page “summary”
  - 10 proposals
  - We didn't see these documents in advance



## Concern 2: the timing is not responsive

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- Term 1 is never ideal
  - During the Omicron peak is worse
  - Everyone is adapting
  - Could extend the time frame as requested by PPTA
- Process dissuades people from participating

## Concern 3: Nothing's changed

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- 2020 consultation: **\$470**/\$500 for three years
- 2020 decision: \$157 for one year (**\$471** over three years)
- 2022 consultation table: **\$472.21** for three years
- The amount appears fixed

# Concern 4: The numbers are wrong

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Expert opinion: Business and Economic Research Limited (BERL)

- Use of the Consumer Price Index (which is for households) instead of the Producer Prices Index used by other similar organisations.
- Use of an unknown “wages index” to calculate wage increases.
- This “wages index” puts wage inflation at 40.4% almost double the Labour Cost Index (again used by similar organisations) figure of 19.2%
- **The correct inflation costs of the Teaching Council sit at 19.2%, significantly less than the 33%**

# What do we want then?

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Both the 2020 and 2022 consultation seek to convince teachers of the **actual** costs of the Teaching Council.

They do not seek feedback as to what teachers consider to be **reasonable** costs.

# What is reasonable?

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- Teachers only want to pay for activities that they actually want the Council to do **not** the expanded functions.
- What consideration has there been of restricting spending?
- What amount are teachers prepared to pay?

# What we think is reasonable

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An inflation based increase (no payment for increased functions)

Using the indices given by BERL (not the Teaching Council ones)

= 19.2% increase on all fees and the levy

For a 3-year renewal this is \$42.40 extra, coming to a total fees/levy charge of **\$263.20**

# What about the other proposals?

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We consider these proposals to be a distraction from the real issue:

**The fees and levy should only increase by 19.2% to adjust for inflation**

# Look out for proposal nine

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**Proposal 9: Fix fees and the levy for a three-year period, with an allowance for expected inflation over the period.**

Even in the long version, this is unclear.

Every three years, the fee/levy would go up by the estimated rate of inflation.

PPTA opposes this on principle. Every one is subject to inflation, but we don't have automatic adjustment.



# Do your submission

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- through the online survey at <https://survey.publicvoice.co.nz/s3/2022feesconsultation>
- by email in an attached Microsoft Word document or searchable PDF to [feesconsultation@publicvoice.co.nz](mailto:feesconsultation@publicvoice.co.nz)