

Funding Mechanism: Gateway

Gateway funding broadens educational options for senior secondary school students by supporting opportunities for structured workplace learning, integrated into their overall programme of study at school. Students have their learning assessed in the workplace and achieve credits towards qualifications on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (including the National Certificate of Educational Achievement). Gateway strongly contributes to the Government's goal that all young people are in education or employment.

General parameters

Effective period

1. This determination is to fund provision delivered between 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2012 only. The TEC may exercise any of its administrative functions that are necessary to give effect to this determination outside those dates.

Legal authority

2. This funding determination is made under section 159L of the Education Act 1989 ("the Act").
3. Gateway funding is to be paid under section 159YA of the Act.

Policy parameters

4. The total amount of Gateway funding for allocation under this funding mechanism will be set through the Government's annual budget processes.

Specific conditions that must be attached to all funding paid under this determination

No Other Funding

5. The TEC must require that a TEO:
 - a. does not (without the TEC's prior written consent) seek or obtain any funding from any Crown source other than the TEC to fund the same part of its activities funded under this funding determination; and
 - b. notifies the TEC immediately if it becomes aware of any circumstances that might result in a breach of this condition.

Recovery of Funding

6. The TEC must require that, if the results of an audit, (or where TEOs located in Christchurch have provision that was affected by the earthquake of 22 February 2011, may require that), reporting or statistical returns, indicate that the amount of a payment of funding provided under this funding determination was greater than it should have been, the amount of the over-funding is, following consultation with the TEO:
 - a. repayable to the TEC on demand; and
 - b. treated as a debt that is subject to the TEC's set off rights under any condition attached to funding.

7. If the results of an audit, reporting or statistical returns, indicate that the amount of a payment of funding provided under this funding determination was less than it should have been, the TEC must credit the amount of the under-funding to an account nominated by the TEO as soon as reasonably practicable.

Repayment of funding

8. The TEC must require that, if the TEC:
 - a. revokes a TEO's funding for an investment plan or part of an investment plan before some or all of the funding provided to the organisation has been used for, or contractually committed to, the purposes of the plan for which that funding was provided; or
 - b. considers on reasonable grounds that a TEO has received funding that it was not entitled to receive;

then the amount of that funding not used for, or contractually committed to, the purposes for which it was provided and/or overpaid is:

- c. repayable to the TEC on demand; and
- d. treated as a debt that is subject to the TEC's set off rights under any funding condition.

Set Off

9. The TEC may set off, against all or any funding or other sum of money payable by the TEC to a TEO, any debt or other sum of money payable to the TEC by that TEO (including pursuant to any funding condition) where such debt or liability of the TEO has been outstanding to the TEC for ninety days or more.

Essential components

10. Gateway enables schools to give senior students the opportunity to access quality structured workplace learning that is integrated with school-based learning.

TEO Eligibility

11. All New Zealand State and Integrated Schools that are organisations, as defined by section 159B of the Act, are eligible to apply for Gateway funding.

Eligibility of Activities

12. Gateway programmes:
 - a. allow senior school students to participate in structured workplace learning, including assessment and recognition of that learning (in the form of credits on the National Qualifications Framework);
 - b. must integrate workplace learning with the students' wider course of study.

Learner Eligibility

13. Gateway programmes are for senior school students (year 11-13+).
14. Students must be capable of undertaking a structured work placement, and attaining credit achievement in the workplace.

Funding

15. The TEC will determine funding rates for Gateway provision from time to time and make them available to eligible schools.
16. The total number of learners enrolled in a TEOs' Gateway programme must meet the number of learners specified in that TEOs' Investment Plan.

Conditions on funding

17. Gateway programmes must be free to students.
18. TEOs must take all necessary steps to ensure, and satisfy themselves that, learners will be safe in their work placements.
19. TEOs must ensure learners have the equipment necessary for their work placements, at no cost to the learner.

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