

# **Job Description**

# Lead Adviser – Learning Design (NZC&TW)

Business Group	Te Poutāhū   Curriculum Centre
Location	Te Whanganui-ā-Tara   Wellington
Salary band	A8

## Mahi i roto i te Ratonga Tūmatanui | Working in the Public Service

Ka mahitahi mātou o te ratonga tūmatanui kia hei painga mō ngā tāngata o Aotearoa i āianei, ā, hei ngā rā ki tua hoki. He kawenga tino whaitake tā mātou hei tautoko i te Karauna i runga i āna hononga ki a ngāi Māori i raro i te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ka tautoko mātou i te kāwanatanga manapori. Ka whakakotahingia mātou e te wairua whakarato ki ō mātou hapori, ā, e arahina ana mātou e ngā mātāpono me ngā tikanga matua o te ratonga tūmatanui i roto i ā mātou mahi.

In the public service we work collectively to make a meaningful difference for New Zealanders now and in the future. We have an important role in supporting the Crown in its relationships with Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi. We support democratic government. We are unified by a spirit of service to our communities and guided by the core principles and values of the public service in our work.

Mō ētahi atu kōrero hei whakamārama i tēnei kaupapa, haere ki | You can find out more about what this means at Role and purpose - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission.

# To Mātou Aronga | What we do for Aotearoa New Zealand

At Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga | Ministry of Education, delivering our purpose makes a real difference to all ākonga of Aotearoa:

He mea tārai e mātou te mātauranga kia rangatira ai, kia mana taurite ai ōna huanga We shape an education system that delivers excellent and equitable outcomes

We fulfil our purpose by:

- delivering services and support nationally, regionally and locally to and through the education sector and in some cases directly to ākonga and whānau
- shaping the policies, settings and performance of the education system so that it is well placed to deliver
  equitable outcomes for ākonga and their whānau, from early learning through tertiary.

# Tēnei Tūranga | About the role

The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Whāriki group (NZC&TW) leads the vision for and the design, development, and continual improvement of the New Zealand Curriculum and Te Whāriki and practices for kaiako | teachers to teach and assess progress and achievement. The NZC & TW teams are designing the curriculum and the resources that will support the success of ākonga, contributing to Aotearoa's success and competitiveness through delivering excellent and equitable education outcomes.

The Learning Design team requires subject matter expertise across all learning areas of the curriculum and understanding of research-informed best practice for teaching and learning. This team will design, deliver, monitor and maintain quality teaching and curriculum supports (including educator resources) for all areas and years (0 through 13) of the New Zealand Curriculum, including for Pacific learners.



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The Lead Adviser, Learning Design will provide specialist subject matter expertise as part of a team of Lead Advisers who have specialist knowledge across the following three clusters:

- English, Learning languages and Pacific.
- Science, Technology and Mathematics and statistics;
- Health and Physical Education, Social Sciences and the Arts;

They will play a significant role in the development of a high-level plan for learning design across the New Zealand Curriculum, so that we are able to deliver high-quality, easy-to-use resources and supports for leaders and teachers that meet their needs, as well as classroom resources that are aligned to the curriculum and support rich teaching and learning programmes.

### Ngā Haepapa | Accountabilities

#### As a Specialist within Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga | the Ministry of Education you will:

- Share specialist knowledge across the organisation and with stakeholders, working with others to inform operational level decision making.
- Contribute to an effective team with a positive approach to the work environment that encourages and supports high performance, collaboration and problem solving.
- Lead the resolution of issues, identifying risks and solutions to protect and enhance the integrity and reputation of the Ministry.
- Lead or contribute to the development and implementation of innovative and fit-for purpose solutions and frameworks for current and future challenges.
- Develop and use data and insights to make evidence-based decisions and recommendations on operational issues.
- Build capability in others through coaching, quality assurance, and proactively sharing knowledge and expertise.

#### As the Lead Adviser - Curriculum Design you will:

- Have a deep expertise and knowledge in one of the following three clusters:
  - English, Learning languages and Pacific.
  - Science, Technology and Mathematics and statistics;
  - Health and Physical Education, Social Sciences and the Arts;
- Develop a strong understanding of the strategic Learning Design view across the curriculum.
- Fill gaps identified in the strategic review in line with planned delivery.
- Provide leadership and thought-provoking ideas to challenge and continuously improve learning resources.
- Interpret research and data from a wide range of sources, reporting and analysis and evaluation, to support the design and development of initiatives.
- Apply innovation to the development of products and services, providing leadership and guidance on appropriate use to achieve the required outcomes.
- Have responsibility for how resources and supports are developed for their learning areas.
- Ensure resources align to the curriculum design.



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- Be responsible for reviewing and maintaining resources.
- Answer queries and media questions through varying systems.
- Provide an understanding of best practice and the science of learning.
- Provide expertise and understanding of the resources currently available to the sector.
- Work closely with Principal and Senior Advisers to deliver a thoroughly researched and evidence-based suite of resources and supports.
- Provide assurance regarding quality delivery and effective and accurate reporting against targets.
- Build trust and work collaboratively when engaging with internal and external experts, stakeholders and
  project managers to support decision making and sustain improvement and change.
- Work closely with the Curriculum Design team, aligning the resources and supports to the curriculum design strategy.
- Maintain robust relationships with contracted providers.
- Test and quality assure curriculum products, providing constructive, evidence informed feedback.
- Respond positively to the feedback of others and act with flexibility.

You will make decisions in accordance with the Ministry's policies and delegations framework.

### Wheako | Experience

To be successful in this role you will have the following experience:

- Experience in a complex organisation.
- Experience in building relationships and partnerships to achieve shared outcomes.
- Understanding of The New Zealand Curriculum, Te Marautanga o Aotearoa and Te Whāriki and approaches to curriculum, assessment development and design.
- An understanding of inclusive design practices.
- A track record of bringing people together and leading, coaching and mentoring others to achieve outcomes.
- Ability to identify risks and effective mitigation.
- Ability to influence and persuade others to achieve desired results.
- Proven ability to establish, build and maintain highly effective working relationships.
- Knowledge and expertise with the field of Te Ao Māori is an advantage.
- Teaching or education sector experience (or equivalent) of at least 3 years.



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# Ngā Āheinga | Capabilities

To be successful in this role you will have the following capabilities and competencies:

- An understanding of the role of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in the education sector.
- A proven ability to use data and insights to identify trends, risks and opportunities, to influence and guide organisational and system-level decision making.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- A commitment to ongoing personal and professional development.
- · Resilience to deal with pressure in a mature way.
- Ability to work flexibly across the work area and an ever-changing environment.
- Has a breadth and / or depth of experience which makes them a 'go-to' person.
- Excellent analytical skills including ability to lead and support the development and delivery of complex analysis, business cases and advice.
- Ability to convey abstract and/or complex ideas in clear, practical, and concrete terms, tailored for the audience.

### Tātai Pou | Our Cultural Competency

Tātai Pou is our Māori Cultural competency framework. It has been aligned and is complementary to the Māori Crown Relations Capability Framework (MCR). Tātai Pou is designed to support our people and organisation to give effect to the articles of te Tiriti o Waitangi in our work. The work-based capabilities have four focus areas and describe four levels of competency (high, confident, developing and essential) that enable us to deliver our partnership approach so that Māori enjoy and achieve educational success as Māori.

Pou Hono   Valuing Māori	Developing
Pou Mana   Knowledge of Māori content	Developing
Pou Kipa   Achieving equitable education outcomes for Māori	Developing
Pou Aroā   Critical consciousness of racial equity for Māori	Developing

# Leadership Success Profile - Te Kawa Mataaho | Public Service Commission

Leadership matters. Strong leadership at every level in the Public Service will transform the experiences of New Zealanders. The Leadership Success Profile establishes "what good looks like" for leadership at all levels. Information about how the Leadership Success Profile applies to this role is available on the Ministry's intranet.

# Ngā Whakaaetanga | Approvals

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