

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK

EDSW-104

Application Declaration

Applicants for admission to professional registration programmes in the Faculty of Education and Social Work (Teaching and Social Work registration) will be subject to safety checks under the <u>Children's Act 2014</u> (the Act) before being admitted to their respective programmes. A safety check includes (but is not limited to) a New Zealand Police vet and an assessment of the risk, if any, that the student would pose to the safety of children if employed or engaged as a core children's worker.

Applicants who are assessed as posing an undue risk to the safety of children will not be admitted to the relevant EDSW programme. To avoid doubt, applicants who have been convicted of a "specified offence" (as set out in <u>Schedule 2 of the Act</u> and listed in the attachment to this declaration form) will not be admitted to any EDSW programme requiring a safety check, unless they have an exemption from the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Education or the Ministry of Social Development.

Applicants for admissions to EDSW programmes specifying that students meet fitness to teach/fitness to practice requirements must meet those requirements. Applicants who are unfit for entry to the relevant profession will not be admitted. Other concerns about an applicant's fitness to teach/ practice will be managed in accordance with the relevant programme's fitness to teach/practice framework if they are admitted to the programme. Please read the information below about past convictions and then answer each of the questions and complete the declaration below. The purpose of the form is to allow the University to identify and resolve potential child safety and fitness to teach/practice issues as early as possible in the admissions process.

PAST CONVICTIONS

If you have concerns about:

- past convictions for specified offences; or
- whether you could be assessed as posing an undue risk to the safety of children,

you should contact us via email (at <u>admission@auckland.ac.nz</u>) to discuss your concerns and any information you have that may be relevant to the safety check.

When you are answering the questions below:

- if you have been convicted of a "specified offence (as set out in Schedule 2 of the Act), you must declare that conviction to the University;
- if you have any conviction (other than a conviction for a "specified offence"), you have certain rights under the <u>Criminal Records (Clean Slate Act 2004</u> which you should take into account before providing us with details of your criminal record. For more information on the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004, see the <u>Ministry of Justice's clean slate information webpage</u>;
- the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004 **does not authorise the concealment of a conviction for a "specified offence"** for the purposes of a safety check of core children's workers under the Children's Act 2014.

QUESTIONS

1.	Do you have any pending charges in New Zealand or overseas?	Yes	🗌 No
2.	Have you ever been charged with a crime or offence in New Zealand or overseas?	Yes	No
3.	Have you ever been convicted of any crime or offence in New Zealand or overseas?	Yes	No
4.	Have you ever been the subject of disciplinary action in a profession or occupation in New Zealand or in a foreign country?	Yes	🗌 No
5.	Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by a tertiary educational Institution?	Yes	🗌 No
6.	Do you suffer from any medical or personal condition which may affect your future ability to practice in the relevant profession for your desired programme of study (e.g. psychiatric illnesses, physical impairment, drug and alcohol issues)	Yes	🗌 No

If you have answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, you must provide further detailed information in writing to admission@auckland.ac.nz

OVERSEAS POLICE CLEARANCE: You will need to provide an overseas police clearance if you have lived as an adult in any country other than New Zealand for 12 months or more within the last 10 years. Visit the <u>Teaching Council New Zealand website</u> for more information on Overseas Police Clearance.

DECLARATION

By signing the declaration below you are indicating that:

- you have read and understood the information in this declaration form;
- all the information you have provided in this form is true, accurate and complete; and
- you wish to proceed with your enrolment.

Name:		Student ID:										
Signed:		Date:										