

## Urgent police vets available

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The Ministry has reached an agreement with NZ Police to allow for 5000 expedited police vets per annum for two years for early learning services and schools. This service is only available in genuinely urgent circumstances.

We worked with sector representatives to establish criteria as follows:

- An urgent police vet is only available for schools and early learning services needing to urgently recruit new, core children's workers in a critical or crisis situation. For example, an urgent police vet can be requested to recruit staff to:
  - support a learning or behavioural need for a currently enrolled or newly enrolled student
  - cover unexpected or extreme staff sickness, or
  - provide support in a crisis or traumatic situation.
- Urgent police vets are **not available for**:
  - teachers who hold a current practising certificate (as police vetting is undertaken by the Education Council)
  - recruitment of non-core children's workers
  - 3-yearly renewals/periodic re-checks of core or non-core children's workers
  - unpaid staff e.g. volunteers.

If a school or early learning service identifies a police vet as urgent, it can submit the request as per the usual process, entering **EDUCATION URGENT** into the 'Agency Reference' field of the online vetting request form. These police vets are expected to be processed in 2-5 working days. Urgent police vetting is available now.