



Glossary

Term	Meaning
The Act	means the Education and Training Act 2020.
The Agreement, Charter School Agreement	means a contract for the establishment and operation of a Charter School entered into under section 212L of the Act, and in relation to a sponsor, means the Charter School Agreement to which the sponsor is a party.
The Bill	means the Education and Training Amendment Bill submitted to the Cabinet Legislation Committee relating to Charter Schools Kura Hourua resulting in legislation (The Act) once passed.
Applicant	means a business or organisation who has submitted an application to be considered as a sponsor of a Charter School.
Application, sponsor application	means the information provided in response to the Charter School Agency application process by an applicant who wants to be considered as a sponsor of a Charter School.
Application process	means the process run by the Charter School Agency to receive and have considered applications relating to Charter Schools.
Approval	means Authorisation Board decision to approve stage two applications to proceed to contract negotiations to be led by the Charter School Agency.

Assessment	means the reviews and evaluation undertaken on applications.
Authorisation Board	means the board which is to be established under section 212A of the Act, via the Bill to make decisions on the application process, progressing sponsors to contract negotiations where sponsors may enter into a contract to operate a Charter School (and any other capacity as described in the Bill and/or The Act).
Business or organisation	means by definition in the Act via the Bill, a body corporate, corporation sole, limited partnership, institution, or related entity applying to be considered as a sponsor.
Charter School Kura Hourua or Charter School	means a school operated by a sponsor, who has been approved by the Authorisation Board, in contract with the Crown under the Education and Training Act 2020 (once the Education and Training Amendment Bill is passed).
Charter School Agency	means the departmental agency established on 1 July 2024 under the Public Service Act 2020, to implement and operate the new Charter School model, including negotiating and managing contracts, delivering funding, and supporting the Authorisation Board.
Converting or converting state school	means a state school that proposes to convert (which includes state-integrated schools, Kura Kaupapa Māori, designated character schools, but excludes specialist schools) to a Charter School.
Due diligence	means checks undertaken on information provided and as required as described in the application.
Establishment roll	means a realistic and evidence-based forecast of the Charter School’s roll in its fifth term of operation (i.e. if a school opened in Term One 2025, the establishment roll would be based on the projected roll for Term One 2026).
Focus/setting	means the individual characteristics of the school.
Governing member	means any director or member occupying a position equivalent to that of a director, a trustee and/or partner.
Ministerial Advisory Group / Establishment Board	means the independent group established to provide advice to the Minister relating to Charter Schools.

Model	means the described approach and structure to successful contribution and/or operation to the proposed Charter School.
Network or school network	means the 2,500 (on or near at any time) state, state-integrated and any Charter School established schools across New Zealand (including the Chatham Islands) funded by the Government to offer free education and enrolment to students.
Physical or cultural asset or asset	means any property of value relating but not limited to infrastructure, technology, culture.
Potential or proposed sponsor	means the business or organisation interested in or having submitted an application.
Proposed school	means the existing state school proposing to convert or new school proposing to establish.
School/schools	means state or private schools (other than a specialist school).
School community or community	means the definition given in section 10 (1) of The Act.
Sponsor	means the governing body of a Charter School approved by the Authorisation Board to operate a Charter School.
Stage one	means the first step of two stages of this application process determining invitations to stage two.
Stage two	means the second of two stages of this application process of which is by invitation following stage one.
State school	means the Government funded Crown entities that offer free education as set out in the Act.
The Minister	means the Associate Minister of Education, Hon. David Seymour.