

## Wording around dates for Enrolment Schemes

Note; new vocabulary is used in the Education and Training Act 2020 which differs from the previous Act. This is being written to help schools and the community determine which are the important dates to note.

Approval date	The date the Ministry of Education approves an enrolment scheme or amendment.
Implementation date	This is now the date that the Board 'adopts' the enrolment scheme at a Board meeting. It is after the Ministry has sent the approved scheme to the school. It is before the commencement date, sometimes by several months.
Commencement date	The date an enrolment scheme starts (the "effective" or "start" date). The new/amended zone applies to enrolments from this date onwards.

1. Under the [Education and Training Act 2020, Schedule 20, Clause 4 \(3\)](#), after consultation on a proposed enrolment scheme has finished, the Secretary may finalise the enrolment scheme and provide it to the board.  
This is the Ministry **approving** the scheme.
2. Subclause 4 (of the above Clause) then states "The school's board must **implement** the finalised enrolment scheme as soon as practicable."  
This means the school's board must adopt ("implement") the approved enrolment scheme at the next board meeting.
3. [Clause 7](#) states a number of different options for when the enrolment scheme will **commence**.  
This is the date when the new/amended enrolment scheme will start to be applied to new enrolments. When the Ministry **approves** the scheme and writes to the school's board (telling them to **implement** the scheme as soon as practicable), the Ministry will give a **commencement** date for when the enrolment scheme will start.  
This is usually 1 January for an intermediate or secondary school or the beginning of a term for a primary school. This date will be discussed with the school when discussions begin about developing an enrolment scheme.

### What is the difference between 'pre-enrolment' and 'enrolment'?

'Pre-enrolment' means the period in which applications for enrolment are invited and processed by a school.

'Enrolment' occurs when attendance at the school starts and the student is first marked as present on the school roll.

Therefore, enrolment scheme changes apply to students whose enrolment is at or after the **commencement** date of the zone change.