



Instructions for Enrolment in the Better Start Literacy Approach | Te Ara Reo Matatini Micro-credential

Full step by step instructions of how to enrol will be uploaded soon but here is the important information you need to know about enrolling in the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA)

1. All issues to do with Ministry of Education **funding** for BSLA need to be directed to Foundational.Learning@education.govt.nz. They will be able to answer all your questions around how to apply, eligibility, timing etc.
2. Enrolment in the BSLA will be done through the University of Canterbury (UC) and you will receive detailed step-by-step enrolments instructions from UC after you have been advised by the Ministry of Education that you have been approved for funding.
3. Any issues to do with the BSLA micro-credential course or resources need to be directed to betterstart@canterbury.ac.nz.
4. For any school or individual looking to self-fund their participation into the BSLA micro-credential should contact childwellbeing@canterbury.ac.nz who will be able to provide assistance through this process.
5. To ensure a streamlined enrolment process, we **strongly encourage** all those thinking of participating the BSLA micro-credential to verify their identification documents prior to enrolling. Currently, all Universities/Tertiary Institutions who are offering micro-credential courses must have all students enrolling provide verified documents which confirm their name, date of birth, citizenship and residency.

The cheapest and easiest way for this to be done is by a Justice of the Peace (JP) and they can be located by searching <https://justiceofthepeace.org.nz/Page/Search> and the JP service is free.

Approved citizenship documents (must be certified by a Justice of the Peace):

- New Zealand citizen: NZ birth certificate OR the photo page of your NZ passport OR Citizenship Certificate.
- NZ Residence Class Visa Holder or Australian Permanent Resident: photo page of your passport AND proof of residency (e.g. resident permit page in passport)
- Australian citizen: Australian birth certificate OR photo page of your Australian passport OR Citizenship Certificate
- Other (i.e. work visa holder): photo page of your passport AND your current visa document

If a different name is used (i.e. married name) other than that shown on your citizenship evidence, you will also need to supply a certified copy of an official name change document (i.e. marriage certificate).