

# Current models of practice

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

'Review and refine the TA's role and responsibilities' from the Guide: [Teacher aide practice](#)

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## Observe and meet with TAs and teachers



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## Take a creative approach to information gathering

Utilise multiple media.

- ✓ Surveying staff (anonymously) for their views and experiences.
- ✓ Inviting teacher aides to keep a diary to record information about the tasks they undertake in their working time.
- ✓ Observing and asking questions about teachers' decision-making about teacher aides' deployment.
- ✓ Using photos or video to document teacher aides' interactions with students.
- ✓ Conducting a skills audit to collect details of teacher aides' qualifications, training, experience, specialist skills, and talents.

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Identify how roles and responsibilities are delegated



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## Reflective questions for teacher aides

Use these questions to identify areas of strength and support needs.

- ✓ What do you see as your role in the school?
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- ✓ Do you have other school responsibilities?
- ✓ How are you supported in your role?
- ✓ Who provides support?
- ✓ Do you get planning time with the teachers?
- ✓ How are you involved in planning your programme?
- ✓ Are you given a programme to use?
- ✓ What have you done with students that you are proud of?
- ✓ What is most satisfying in your work?
- ✓ What is most difficult in your role?
- ✓ Have you any frustrations or issues?
- ✓ What else would you like to mention?

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## Useful resources



### Lesson observation schedule

This is an example observation table to support in-class observations of the teacher's and teacher aide's roles within a set learning context.

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### Sorting activity

This activity supports teachers and teacher aides to clarify roles in the classroom. It is from Maximising the impact of teaching assistants (2nd edition), a UK resource.

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### Teachers and teachers' aides working together: Our roles

These three New Zealand modules provide clarity on the teacher and teacher aide roles, and promote effective working partnerships.

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