



Through Budget 2024, we were provided funding for the following major budget decision:

**\$153 million**  
over four years

**for establishing and operating charter schools | kura hourua**

This initiative provides new funding to establish and operate charter schools | kura hourua. It gives a new schooling choice to families, and more flexibility for educators to lift children’s achievement. In exchange for greater flexibility, school sponsors will be subject to increased oversight and accountability.

Funding will go towards establishing approximately 15 new charter schools and converting approximately 35 state schools to charter schools in 2025 and 2026 depending on demand and suitability, with appropriate support and monitoring. The intended result is improved educational outcomes in terms of student attendance and achievement.

## What we are delivering



### Resourcing and oversight: \$28.2m total

for the agency to support applications, contracting, performance and monitoring

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
\$12.8M	\$8.64m	\$3.6m	\$3.1m



### Funding schools: \$123.3m total

for operational and other school funding to enable the delivery of education

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
\$10.0M	\$48.3m	\$32.6m	\$32.4m



### Authorisation Board: \$400k per year

for expenses incurred by the independent Authorisation Board

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
\$0.4M	\$0.4m	\$0.4m	\$0.4m

### Planned timeline

To deliver 50 charter schools in 2025 and 2026:


- The first application round for charter schools was undertaken in the second half of 2024
- The first wave of charter schools is planned to open in Term One of 2025
- The second application round is planned to be undertaken in the first half of 2025
- The second wave of charter schools is planned to open by Term One of 2026.

Funding reflects Budget 2024 assumptions of expected timelines and demand for charter schools. The charter school funding model is broadly equivalent to the funding that state schools receive. New funding from Budget 2024 will largely be used to cover the establishment and ongoing operating costs of new charter schools. More information on the funding model can be found on the Charter School Agency website. As we contract more schools and the delivery profile becomes clearer, any surplus funding will be transferred to future years or returned to The Treasury.

# How we will show our progress

As of December 2024, we have announced our reporting intentions for this major spending decision, and progress will be reported twice yearly on the [charterschools.govt.nz](https://charterschools.govt.nz) website and the Charter School Agency's annual report. Media releases and stories will be uploaded on the [charterschools.govt.nz](https://charterschools.govt.nz) website when schools are established and operating.

<b>Deliver charter schools</b>	<b>We will report on:</b>
	Total number of charter school contracts
	Total number of newly established charter schools
	Total number of converted state schools into charter schools
	<b>The results of these measures will be reported in the respective year's annual report and will be updated on our website in January and August of each year.</b>

<b>Improve educational outcomes</b>	<b>We will report on:</b>
	Student attendance at charter schools - increasing trend
	Student achievement at charter schools - increasing trend
	<b>Progress made will be reported in prospective annual reports once schools are operational and baseline data is available from 2026.</b>