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# Resource Teachers of the Deaf

Resource Teachers of the Deaf (RTDs) are specialist teachers who assess a child's needs in a classroom, one-to-one setting, or the child's home. They team up with other specialists to help teachers adapt their teaching to suit the child's needs.

RTDs work through Ko Taku Reo | Deaf Education New Zealand.

In 2019 the Kelston Deaf Education Centre in Auckland and the Van Asch Deaf Education Centre in Christchurch merged to become one national organisation, Ko Taku Reo.

Ko Taku Reo can provide specialist teaching, advice and guidance, assistive technology and NZSL support to Deaf and Hard of Hearing students enrolled in their local mainstream school. Services available are:

- [Resource Teachers of the Deaf](#)
- [Outreach services](#)

**Ministry of Education information** on Advisers on Deaf Children (AoDCs), Resource Teachers of the Deaf (RTDs), as well as other services and supports.

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