



TEACHERS  
REGISTRATION  
BOARD TASMANIA

# Applying for teacher registration

With a Skills Assessment Certificate



A guide to  
the process



## Applying for Teacher Registration

**You cannot legally be employed to teach in Tasmania until you receive formal notification from the Board that your registration has been approved.**

### Is this the right guide for you?

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If you hold current teacher registration in another Australian state or territory (not NSW) or in New Zealand use the guide: [Applying for teacher registration under mutual recognition provisions](#).

If you hold international qualifications (and do not hold current teacher registration as above) your qualifications must be [formally assessed](#) prior to applying for teacher registration.

If you are a studying with University of Tasmania and graduating from a teaching degree this year use this guide: [Applying for teacher registration - University of Tasmania Recent Graduate](#).

### About your payment for registration

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In Tasmania **registration payments are for a calendar year**, regardless of when in that calendar year the application is made.

For example: if you pay for one year's teacher registration which commences in 2017 that registration will expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, whether you applied in February or October.

So please take care when deciding which year you want your registration to commence. From the 1<sup>st</sup> September, each year, you will have the option to select for your registration to commence this year or in the following calendar year. Start year is the first question of the online application for teacher registration.

### Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP)

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All applicants will be required to hold [RWVP with the Tasmanian Department of Justice](#) prior to gaining Tasmanian teacher registration. Another state's RWVP (or its equivalent) is not a replacement for a Tasmanian RWVP.

We recommend applicants get their RWVP underway prior to applying for teacher registration as RWVP applications may take up to six weeks to process. Options to meet the RWVP evidence requirements while [living outside of Tasmania](#).

## How to apply for Tasmanian Registration

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### 1. Check you meet the criteria for registration:

Read [all the policies](#) relating to registration:

- Applying for Registration Policy
- Full and Provisional Registration and/or the Specialist Vocational Education and Training Registration
- English Language Proficiency Policy
- Records of Convictions Policy
- Fees and Payments Policy

### 2. Complete the online application process in TRB Online.

- If you are applying for the first time you will need to **Create a Login** to establish an account [on TRB Online](#). If you already have a record with us login and request a [password reset](#) if required.
- Click on **Apply for New Registration** and follow the prompts.

### 3. Provide to the Board certified copies of documentary evidence.

Use the checklist on page 6 to ensure you provide the required documentary evidence.

If you were previously a Tasmanian registered teacher we will already have your documentary evidence of identity on file. You will need to provide additional evidence if you have a new qualification to add, you need to [change your name](#) or you have a period of residency overseas not previously dealt with by the Board.

### 4. Receive updates on the progress of your application by email

- When your payment is received and reconciled.
- If you need to provide any additional information to the Board.
- When your documentary evidence is received and processed.

### 5. How long will my application take?

All applications, including reapplications, can take up to four weeks to finalise, many are finalised at around 10 days. When your application is complete (online application submitted, payment and documentary evidence received in a standard required by the Board) we will assess your qualifications and generate an internal national record of conviction (RoC) request from our CrimTrac Agency.

Approximately 40 % of RoCs are returned in approximately 10 – 21 days. We need to wait until we receive that report back to confirm your character and fitness to teach before final approval can take place, and we cannot gauge how long that might take. Every application is processed as quickly as possible.

## 6. Notification of Teacher Registration status

If the **Board approves your application** for Tasmanian teacher registration:

- You will be notified by email of this approval
- Your name will go on the [Tasmanian Register of Teachers](#) \*\*
- You can log into your TRB Online account to view/print your certificate\*\* and read about your rights and responsibilities as a Tasmanian teacher.

\*\*view your registration status, category of registration, TRB number, financial and cycle expiry dates.

If the Board **does not approve your application** for Tasmanian registration you will be informed in writing.

## Other information on our website

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- [Responsibilities of Applicants](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions – Applying for Tasmanian teacher registration](#)
- [Employment as a Teacher in Tasmania](#)

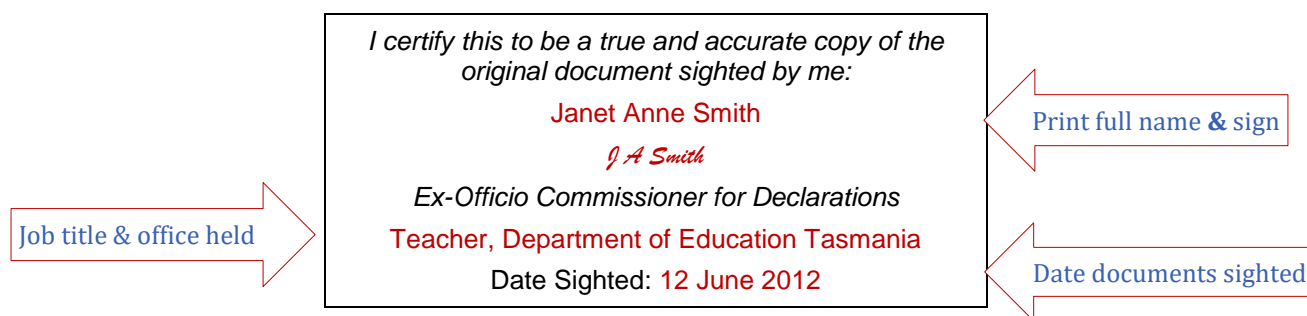
## Certifying your documentary evidence correctly

All documentary evidence must be certified correctly to be considered by the Board.

A certified copy is a photocopy of an original document which has been certified by a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner for Declarations or, if overseas, a Notary Public.

### Important Guidelines for Certification:

- The person certifying the copy must also sight the original document.
- Certified copies must bear **original signatures**. Faxes, scans or copies of certified copies are not acceptable.
- The certification must be on the actual copy, not on the back of the page and not on another page and attached to the copy.
- The certification must be on the actual copy and not on a sticker (unless the original signature extends beyond the edge of the sticker and onto the copy).
- Certified documents supplied to the TRB as part of an application **will not be returned** to an applicant.
- The TRB will not accept certified copies of electronic/scanned documents or downloads from the internet.
- The **front** of each individual page of the copy is to be marked **exactly** in the example shown below.



## Who can certify my documents?

In Tasmania, [Commissioners for Declarations](#) include ([all professional groups listed here](#)):

- Full-time teachers at a school or tertiary institution
- Bank officers with 5 years continuous service
- Ministers of religion under the Marriage Act 1961
- Public sector permanent employees with 5 years continuous service
- Police officers
- Members of Parliament, or local government councillors
- TRB Staff

## Translations

If any of your documents are in a language other than English, you will need to provide certified copies of the documents in the original language **plus** translations that are prepared and certified as correct by an official translation service or an accredited translator.

## Providing the documents to the Board

Post your certified documentary evidence to:

Teachers Registration Board of Tasmania,  
GPO Box 539,  
Hobart 7001, Tasmania, Australia

Alternatively bring your original documents to our office at [213 Cambridge Road, Warrane](#) and we will make a certified copy for our records.

## Documentary evidence required

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As part of your application for teacher registration you must provide **certified copies** of the following:

*See the information about certifying ALL your documents on the previous page.*

### □ 1. Proof of Identity

You need to provide evidence of ALL names by which you have been known.

Certified copies of **one** of the following documents are accepted for proof of identity.

- A full birth certificate (birth extracts are not be accepted), or
- A current or expired passport, or
- An Australian naturalisation or citizenship document is only valid for this purpose if it **contains your place of birth**.

If you have been known by any other names you will need to provide certified copies of documentary evidence of **ALL** those names. For example:

- A marriage certificate, or
- A deed poll, or
- A divorce certificate/order (decree absolute), or
- Other name change documentation.

If you are or have been known by a name for which an official name change has not been made, you will need to provide a statutory declaration clearly stating the name by which you are or have been known.

### □ 2. Proof of qualifications

You need to provide **certified copies** of all relevant qualifications.

For completed **vocational** qualifications:

- a) Certified copy of the certificate (testamur) AND
- b) Certified copy of the accompanying statement of results

For completed **tertiary** qualifications:

- a) Certified copy of the certificate (testamur) AND
- b) Certified copy of the full academic transcript(s) indicating that the award/degree was conferred/awarded.

### □ 3. A valid **Skills Assessment Certificate (certified copy)**

A Skills Assessment Certificate, issued by AITSL, is only valid for two years from the date of issue.

If your Skills Assessment Certificate is out of date you will need to apply for a formal [assessment of your international qualifications](#) prior to applying for teacher registration.

### □ 4. A valid **International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Report (certified copy)**

The IELTS Report is only valid for two years from the date of the report.

If your IELTS Report is out of date you will need to apply for another IELTS assessment.

### □ 5. **International Record of Conviction Check**

If you have resided overseas or outside of Australia *as an adult for periods of more than one year*, the Board requires a Record of Convictions check (or its equivalent) from the country/countries in which you resided. In this instance you should email the Board to ascertain what documentation is required:

[conduct@trb.tas.gov.au](mailto:conduct@trb.tas.gov.au) .