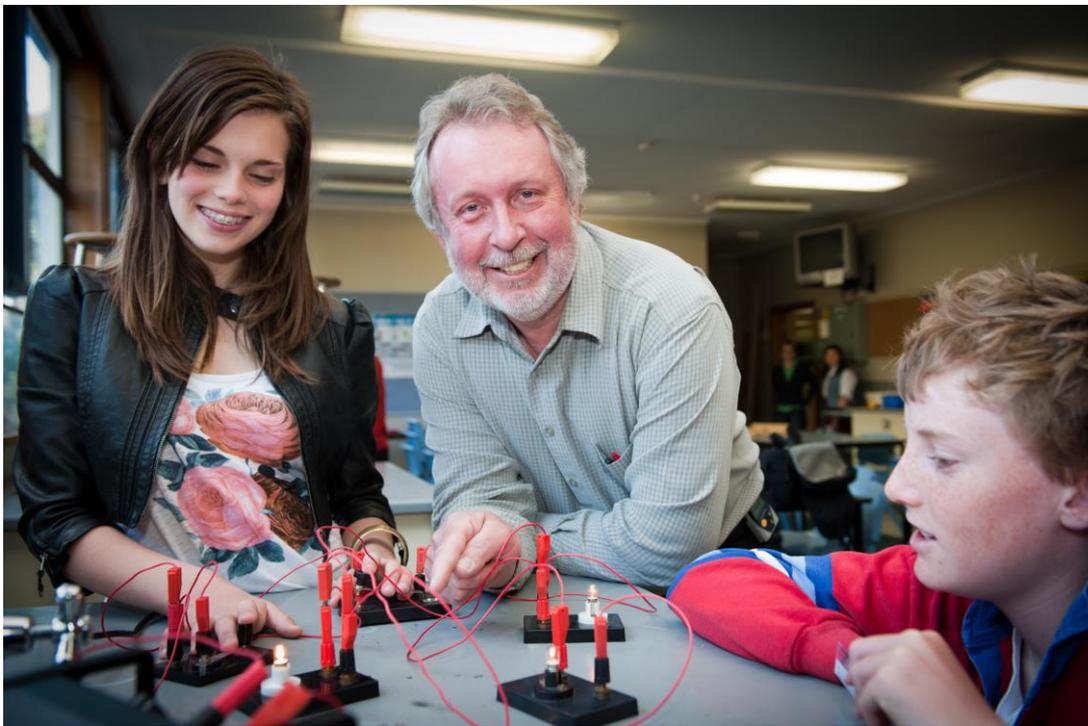




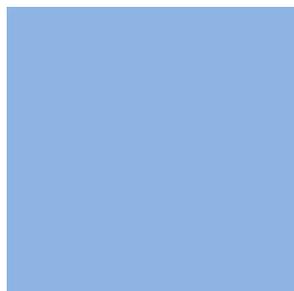
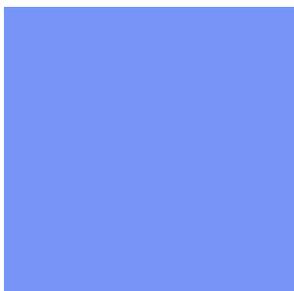
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Board Policy

27th June 2017



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Section 13 of the Teachers Registration Act 2000 states that an applicant for registration must, in the opinion of the Board, be sufficiently proficient in the English language.

All applicants for registration are therefore required, as a condition of eligibility for teacher registration, to satisfy the Board or Board Officer with the delegated authority, that they have a level of English proficiency which enables them to communicate in English at a professional level with students, parents, colleagues, and other educational professionals.

Applicants who have completed a minimum of 4 years of their tertiary education in one of the countries/institutions listed below are regarded as automatically meeting this requirement:

- Australia
- Republic of Ireland
- Canada (where the applicant has completed his/her tertiary studies in English)
- United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales)
- New Zealand
- United States of America

Board requirements for applicants from other countries/institutions

Applicants who do not qualify under the above provisions must meet the following English Language proficiency requirements:

- An International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic assessment with an average band score of 7.5 across all four skill areas of listening, speaking, reading writing - where no score is below 7 in any of the four skill areas and 8 in speaking and listening.

or

- An International Second Language Proficiency Ratings (ISLPR) assessment with a score of 4 in all four areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing – such assessments to be deemed valid only if provided by approved testing sites where the assessment is teacher focussed.

or

- On a case-by-case basis, the Board or Delegated Officer may also accept 'A' scores on all modules for the NSW Professional English Assessment for Teachers (PEAT) test. The PEAT test was discontinued from the end of May 2017.

The date of the assessment must be no more than 2 years prior to the time of application for registration. The required scores/results must be obtained in one test.

Sitting the IELTS Test

International English Language Testing System - www.ielts.org

Applicants located in Tasmania can contact:

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