

Frequently Asked Questions

Tasmanian Teachers

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What does the Teachers Registration Board of Tasmania do?

The [functions of the Board](#) are stated in the *Teachers Registration Act 2000*.

In performing its functions and exercising its powers the Board must consider the welfare and best interests of students to be of paramount importance.

The Board operates along similar lines to teacher regulatory bodies in other States and Territories; its main function is to register teachers working in Tasmanian Government, Catholic and Independent schools. Like other professions occupying positions of trust and responsibility, teachers are required to be registered in order to practice their profession. All practicing Tasmanian school teachers must be registered by the Board.

A registered teacher will:

- have appropriate [teaching qualifications](#)
- can communicate in the English language at a professional level
- be of good character and be fit to teach
- observe a  [Code of Professional Ethics](#)
- continue to participate in professional learning to build knowledge, skill and [competence](#).

Teacher registration promotes community confidence in the work of Tasmanian teachers and validates registered teachers as highly skilled professionals.

The TRB also:

- Investigate complaints made about teachers, conduct investigations, inquiries and hearings.
- Develop and improve teaching standards;
- Maintain a code of professional ethics for the teaching profession
- Accredite all initial teacher education programs/ qualifications offered in Tasmania against the Accreditation of Initial teacher Education Programs in Australia: Standards and Procedures.

About my teacher registration

Am I currently registered ?

What is my TRB number?

When does my registration expire?

If you ever wish to check your registration status you (and employers) can use our [TRB Online – Teacher Search function](#) which is a dynamic up to date record of teacher's registration status including **TRB number**, category and financial expiry date.

Access to this search function is also available on our [home page](#) in the Schools and Employer drop down menu at the top right of our website>> **Search the latest Register of Teacher.**

Or you could log in to your TRB Online account and view/ print your own registration certificate which contains your **TRB number**, category and financial expiry date.

Note:

If you do not appear in the Register of Tasmanian teachers then you do not hold current Tasmanian registration and cannot legally be employed to teach in a Tasmanian school.

Why doesn't EMS accept my TRB number?

Please be aware that the Department of Education's online employment registers Employment Management System (EMS) require you to enter your TRB number. Their field length requires six characters but a TRB number is five characters or less. Just add additional "0"s in front of your TRB number to meet the six character requirements.

Example : TRB Number is 1111 enter 001111.

I am Provisional Registered and have a condition applied to my registration, what does this mean?

Provisional registration by its very nature is teacher registration that has conditions applied. The standard provisional condition that applies to your registration is either:

- The successful completion of one full-time equivalent year of teaching (185 days) to the satisfaction of the Board.

or

- Meet Board requirements for full registration and complete the change of registration category process within the current cycle of registration.

This condition applies to all newly registered teachers who have limited teaching experience and have not taught in Tasmania for more than 185 days FTE, in the last five years, nor had their teaching practice assessed as meeting the Proficient stage of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

I am Provisional Registered and have met the teaching service requirements; will my registration be updated automatically?

Registration is not updated automatically; you must go through a formal change of category process.

There are two elements to the change of category process:

- Provision of evidence of teaching employment of 185 days full time equivalent over the last five years, and;
- Provision of evidence based on a school based assessment, that teaching practice meets the **Proficient stage** of the Standards.

It is intended that provisionally registered teachers will apply to the Board to change category within their first cycle of registration (5 years) when they meet the teaching experience criteria for Full Registration. The Board provides a [comprehensive package guidelines and instructions](#) to assist the teacher and the school to undertake a school based assessment of teaching proficiency against the [Australian Professional Standards for Teachers](#)– Proficient Stage.

The [Australian Professional Standards for Teachers](#) (the Standards) describe the teaching practice of each category of registration:

- The Graduate stage of the Standards describes the practice of a teacher with provisional registration.
- The Proficient stage of the Standards describes the practice of a teacher with full registration.

There are also some [videos about the process](#), hosted by the Professional Learning Institute.

Confirmation of Professional Standing

Tasmanian trained teachers wanting to teach in other countries may be asked to provide confirmation of their teaching qualifications and registration status in Tasmania. The Teachers Registration Board of Tasmania will provide written confirmation **ONLY** for individuals who hold **current or previously held teacher registration** in Tasmania.

Please note: [A fee](#) applies to this service.

For information on how to request this [Confirmation of Professional Standing](#) see our website.



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