



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.

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 **Do you want to...** section called **Search the latest Register of Teachers**.

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 Epool accept my TRB number?

Please be aware that the Department of Education's employment registers (eg: Epool) 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 is placed on 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. This category is for our purposes and is not intended to influence employment conditions. It is intended that provisionally registered teachers will apply to the Board to change category when they meet the teaching experience requirements within their current cycle of registration (five years).

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

When you meet the teaching service criteria for Full Registration (185 teaching days in the last five years) you can apply to the Board to change your registration category. For information on this [change of registration category process](#) please see our website.

The link is to a comprehensive package of instructions and tools to assist you to undertake a workplace assessment of teaching proficiency against the [Australian Professional Teaching Standards](#) – Proficient Stage. The package also contains information for your Principal/ Workplace Supervisor.

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 with **current 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.

My good character check needs updating

While the Board does make a determination of your character at the point of application, renewal and change of registration category, your good character check is a process undertaken by your employer.

The Department of Education (DoE) requires all staff and school based volunteers to hold a current good character check. To have this check you will need to fill out a [Good Character Check Form](#) (on the DoE website under the employment section) and provide it to the Conduct branch (of DoE) every three years.

As a registered teacher the Department of Education does not formally conduct the check (as your registration confirms you are of good character) but require that they have your written permission to do the check on file, should they ever require it.

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Still don't know the answer to your question?

For a prompt response email: trb.admin@trb.tas.gov.au