

Legal Requirements for Teaching in Tasmania

Regardless of the type of application that you have submitted to the Board (Registration, LAT or PTT) you **must not** commence employment until you have been formally notified by the TRB that **your application has been approved**.

The *Teachers Registration Act 2000* (Section 11) makes it an offence for any individual to be employed or engaged to teach at a Tasmanian school, college or TasTAFE unless that individual is:

- a) a **registered** teacher;
- b) the holder of a **Limited Authority to Teach (LAT)** and teaching within the provisions of that LAT;
- c) authorised by the Board to teach under the direct supervision of a registered teacher (**Permission to Teach - PTT**).

Please note, there are specific eligibility criteria for each of these categories; they are not interchangeable.

For example, if you are eligible for Registration, you cannot be employed under a LAT or PTT.

As part of your application process you will be required to provide the TRB with documentary evidence. The specific documentary evidence required will depend on: (a) the type of application you make; and, (b) your individual circumstance.

The onus is on you to read all information from the TRB carefully and to action any outstanding matters promptly.

The following is **critical** in regard to the progress of your application:

1. The Board **cannot** conduct an assessment of your Good Character and Fitness to Teach (including your National Police History Check) unless you have: (a) completed the online application; (b) made a correct payment; (c) provided all your required proof of identity documentation; and, (d) provided other required documentation. This process can take up to 4 weeks.
2. Your application will not be approved until all the requirements of your application have been met and you have been assessed as meeting the relevant criteria.
3. It is a requirement that, from 01 January 2017, you will need to hold current *Registration to Work with Vulnerable People* (Department of Justice) to be eligible to teach in Tasmania.
4. You will receive formal notification from the TRB, via email, if your application has been approved.

If you teach in Tasmania without the required authority from the TRB (Registration, LAT or PTT) the TRB will conduct an investigation into this matter.

- ♦ Information will be sought from you and the school(s) in which you have taught.
- ♦ The Board will consider this information and determine whether to initiate a prosecution.
- ♦ For individuals, the **maximum penalty for this offence** is 50 penalty units (i.e., \$7,850 – as at 01 July 2016).