

TEACHER REGISTRATION IN TASMANIA

Congratulations on gaining registration as a teacher in Tasmania.

Teacher registration in Tasmania is regulated by the *Teachers Registration Act 2000*.

The purpose of teacher registration is to:

- Enable professional educators who are appropriately qualified, competent and who are of good character and fit to be teachers to teach in Tasmania.
- Establish the benchmark for the teaching profession in Tasmania.
- Ensure that members of the teaching profession meet community expectations in relation to their knowledge, skill, capacity, character and conduct.

At the heart of teacher registration in Tasmania is a focus on the welfare and best interests of students.

As a registered teacher you have a range of rights and responsibilities all of which are provided for by the *Teachers Registration Act 2000*.

As a registered teacher it is your right to:

- Have your name placed on the Register of Teachers in Tasmania.
- Declare that you are a registered teacher in Tasmania and to download and display your certificate of registration.
- Seek employment or be employed as a registered teacher in education settings within Tasmania appropriate to the scope or category of your registration and any conditions that have been placed on your registration.

For advice or information about the scope or category of your registration, or the implications of any conditions placed on your registration you should contact the Board office.

As a registered teacher it is your responsibility to:

- Ensure that you hold current and valid registration before being employed or engaged to teach.
- Uphold the Code of Professional Ethics for the Teaching Profession in Tasmania.
- Ensure that, at all times, you satisfy a standard of behaviour generally expected of a teacher.
- Ensure that, at all times, you maintain your teaching competence to a standard that satisfies the Teachers Registration Board of Tasmania that you are fit to be a teacher. Teaching competence is assessed against the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.
- Notify the Board in writing, within 28 days if you are charged with or convicted of a prescribed offence in Tasmania or anywhere else. (A prescribed offence is any offence for which a term of imprisonment may apply and includes offences like drink driving).
- Notify the Board in writing, within 60 days, of any change in your name, address and/or qualifications.
- Familiarise yourself with the requirements of the Teachers Registration Act 2000 and the relevant Board policies.

It is an offence under the *Teachers Registration Act 2000* to:

1. Teach in a Tasmanian education setting covered by the *Teachers Registration Act 2000* without holding registration, an appropriate limited authority to teach or permission to teach under the direct supervision of a registered teacher (as required by the Board).
If found guilty of this offence you may be fined up to 50 penalty units.
2. Claim to be registered or the holder of a limited authority to teach when this is not the case.
If found guilty of this offence you may be fined up to 50 penalty units.
3. Make any statements knowing them to be false or misleading or to omit any matter knowing that without that matter the information being provided is misleading.
If found guilty of this offence you may be fined up to 10 penalty units.

For further information on any aspect of teacher registration please contact:

The Board office on (03) 6165 5977 or via email at trb.admin@trb.tas.gov.au