



An Update for

REGISTERED TEACHERS



from the Teachers Registration Board, June 2007

Update your address details

Does the Board have your current postal, residential and email addresses? If not, please correct this situation. Make sure you include your full name and TRB number in the letter, fax or email that you send to the TRB. There is also a Change of Address form on the TRB website.

Visit trb.tas.gov.au/changedetails.htm

Maintenance of Registration

At least 4,000 teachers this year will need to make an annual payment to maintain their registration for 2008. Personalised Maintenance forms will be posted in mid September. Payment can be by BPAY, credit card, cheque or at a Service Tasmania Shop.

For sheer convenience for all (in terms of time and cost) we recommend BPAY – it is organised through your financial institution.

Registrants with the category of **'provisional registration'** will have an extra option on their form to indicate if they are ready to apply to change category.

Renewal of Registration

Renewal of registration is undertaken every three years by registrants with the category of 'registration'.

Another group of 2,919 teachers will be 'renewing' their registration in order to be registered in 2008. The Board has decided that this year's process will be similar to last year's process.

A demonstration sample of this year's form can be downloaded from the website: trb.tas.gov.au

Personalised Renewal of Registration applications will be posted in mid September. Payment can be as described above. Please note that forms which are not completed correctly will be returned.

Registered Teacher Cards

The registration of many teachers is set to expire on 31 December 2007 and this date is recorded on their Registered Teacher Card.

Replacement cards will be sent to those registrants who follow the required procedures to ensure their registration for 2008. The card facilitates easy demonstration of current registration to the employer.

Provisional Registration and the Professional Teaching Standards – now and in the future

The *Tasmanian Professional Teaching Standards Framework* was completed and endorsed by all the key stakeholders in the education community in December 2005. In August 2006, every registered teacher was posted their copy of these standards. The Standards document is now available on the TRB website: trb.tas.gov.au.

During 2007, the Board is implementing a pilot project based on the Framework's *Dimension 2: Competence Standards* for an improved process for the changing from 'provisional registration' to 'registration'. A widely representative Advisory Committee is part of the project. The new process will be in place in 2008.

All teachers with 'provisional registration' were sent personalised explanatory letters in May, with a response to be returned to the TRB ASAP.

Professional Development Research

As one of the benefits of belonging to the Australasian Forum of Teacher Registration and Accreditation Authorities (AFTRAA), the TRB is participating in a jointly commissioned research project. Over the next few weeks, a large random sample of registered teachers will be contacted by email or phone (if needed) and surveyed about their views on their professional development experiences and opportunities. TRB has appointed the Australian Research Group (ARG) to conduct the survey on its behalf. ARG is a professional research agency which conducts research for the commercial, government and not-for-profit sectors. The information collected by ARG will only be used for research purposes and no other use will be made of the information.

As part of its privacy obligations, ARG will delete all contact information after the research program is complete. Reporting of results will only take place as an aggregate of results and no individual respondents will be identified.

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PD Research Cont'd

While the Board wants a substantial and comprehensive picture of teachers' views, if you wish to be excluded from such research, please advise the Board by email or letter. Also, if you are contacted by ARG on behalf of the Board, it is your right to decline to participate in the survey.

World Teachers' Day 2007

Given its success in 2006, the Board has decided to again run a poster competition for Tasmanian school students to design the 2007 WTD poster. The flyer about the competition was widely circulated in June, and is also on the TRB website. Copies of the 2007 posters are still available on request. The Board's Communication and Promotion Committee would welcome any suggestions about promotional activities for 2007.

Relief Teachers and PD

Early last year, the Board offered to help relief teachers get access to information about professional development opportunities by forwarding weekly Infostream emails prepared by the Department of Education.

If you would like to join almost 200 others who receive this valued service each Friday, email the Board: trb.admin@education.tas.gov.au

Code of Professional Ethics

A5 sized copies of the Code of Professional Ethics for Tasmanian Teachers are available on request from the Board and the Code can also be downloaded from the TRB website:

trb.tas.gov.au

Communicating via Email

This Update was sent by e-mail to those 8,300 registrants who have given the Board their e-mail addresses. Printed copies are only posted to those registrants for whom we do not have an e-mail address.

If you don't receive the Update by email, then either the TRB does not have your email address or the one we have is incorrect.

If you would like to update your email address, please send the TRB an email, including your full name and TRB number in the message, to trb.admin@education.tas.gov.au