

Legal requirements for teaching in Tasmania

Regardless of the type of application you submit to the Board (registration or Limited Authority to Teach) you **must not** commence employment until you have been formally notified by the office of the Board that **your application is 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 or college unless that individual is:

- a) a registered teacher
- b) the holder of a Limited Authority to Teach (LAT) and is teaching within the provisions of that LAT.

Please note: There are specific eligibility criteria for each category (registration or LAT), which are not interchangeable. For example, if you are eligible for registration, you cannot be employed under a LAT.

As part of your application process, you are required to provide documentary evidence. The specific evidence required depends on the type of application you make and your individual circumstances.

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

The following is critical regarding the progress of your application:

- 1) The Board assesses your good character and fitness to teach (including a national police history check). This process can take up to four weeks. We cannot do this unless you have:
 - a) completed the online application
 - b) made a correct payment
 - c) provided all required proof of identity documentation
 - d) provided any other required documentation.
- 2) Your application will not be approved until all the requirements of your application are met and you are assessed as having met the relevant criteria.
- 3) You must 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 Board via email if your application is approved.

If you teach in Tasmania without the required authority from the Board (registration or LAT) we will investigate the matter and:

- 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. \$10,100 – as of July 2024).