



Welcome to 2024

We hope that all of our teachers across the three sectors have had a great start to the new school year. TRB have been working hard registering teachers, assessing overseas applications, approving LAT's, reviewing portfolios, and hearing conduct matters.

We have also been recruiting new staff to fill vacancies and new positions. Over the next month we will welcome new team members into our registration, conduct and professional standards teams.

We are currently reviewing a number of our processes and will take new models for some of these, including the Provisional to Full process, to our Board in late March for approval.

Beginning Teachers Forum



The TRB were excited to meet a large number of teachers new to DECYP in the recent induction sessions held around the State.

These sessions were a great opportunity to introduce some of our team and share a little bit about what we do. We look forward to joining teachers from other sectors a little later in the year.

Establishment of Council for Professional Conduct matters

Professional Conduct are currently updating structures and processes involving fully registered teachers in examining selected professional conduct matters.

The TRB will be seeking expressions of interest for the Conduct Advisory Council in the coming editions of TRB talk.

Some tips for teachers from the Professional Conduct Team are:

- Don't friend students on social media
- Familiarise yourself with your employers Code of Conduct
- Please contact us with questions, or to discuss any concerns etc. If you don't know, please ask, we are here to help you.
- Be aware that we are unable to act on anonymous complaints under s19 of the Act; however, ANY information that identifies a serious conduct issue in accordance with s17J or s17K of the Act will be investigated on the basis of the information and its credibility.

Provisional to Full Registration

Are you looking to complete your change of category of registration in 2024?

Term 1 is a great time to start collecting evidence and discussing with your Mentor! You don't need to wait until you have taught the required number of days to start building your portfolio and working with your Mentor.

- If you haven't yet started working on this, keep an eye out for TRB Talk in Term 2 as the TRB team are working on refining and streamlining the assessment process (based on feedback) to ensure it is accessible and straightforward.
- If you have already started working on your portfolio, please keep going as we will still recognise the current process.





TRB is able to assist schools, clusters, sectors, Principals and teachers – please email Lisa.Seddon@education.tas.gov.au with any questions or guidance that you need – no question is too small and we are here to help.

For sectors, schools or groups of schools with large numbers of teachers looking to undertake the provision to full registration process this year, please let the TRB know if you would like in-person or online visit(s.)

TRB has established a feedback group for the Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher (HALT) accreditation model in Tasmania. We will be working with stakeholders to develop a pilot program. Please keep an eye out for TRB Talk in Term 2 for more information.

Nominated mentors to support ITE student LAT holders

The Board approved a revised LAT Policy in December 2023. The Policy creates a framework to ensure that ITE students have appropriate support to meet their work and study obligations.

Key changes include a maximum workload for ITE students of 0.6 full time equivalent and a mandatory requirement for schools to nominate a mentor for ITE LAT holders.

Please include the name and position of the nominated mentor for an ITE LAT applicant in the supporting information text box in the application.

The mentor is to be a registered teacher within the school or an approved alternative (registered teacher in another school or a registered, recently retired teacher).

The nominated mentor is expected to provide oversight and support to enable the LAT holder to complete professional learning as appropriate. The mentor will also provide advice on planning and classroom management.

More information about the LAT Policy is available on our website:

<u>Policies - Teachers Registration Board Tasmania</u> <u>LAT-FAQs</u>

Reminder - Registration to Work with Vulnerable People

To maintain registration, teachers must have a current RWVP. If you are renewing your RWVP at any time throughout the year, please check to ensure that the expiry date is updated in your TRB online account.

If an RWVP appears to have expired, it will automatically result in suspension of your registration until the currency of your RWVP can be confirmed.



We've changed our email address

To improve our efficiency in responding to your queries, we have established a single email for all general and registration matters. This replaces our previous enquiries@trb and registration@trb emails.

Please update your contacts to:

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