

News for teachers from the QCT

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The QCT protects the public and the teaching profession by working to ensure that all teachers in Queensland schools meet professional standards of competence and conduct.

Welcome to our fourth issue for 2012. In this edition of QCT eNews you'll find information about:

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QCT Teaching Awards

Over 100 inspiring teachers from State, Catholic and independent schools around the state have been nominated for the 2012 [QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards](#). A new award category introduced this year, the John Dwyer Excellent Leadership in Teaching and Learning Award, will recognise teachers who lead improvement and innovation of teaching and learning.

A former Chair of the Board of Teacher Registration (predecessor of the QCT), John Dwyer has over 50 years' experience in education and training, including as a teacher, principal, inspector, director and consultant. Mr Dwyer began his teaching career at Ironside State School and went on to become principal of State primary schools at Ebenezer, Glenmorgan, Jandowae East, Jimna,

Biggenden and Cherbourg. His experience at Cherbourg led him to specialise for some years in the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. His contributions to educational administration and his leadership of teacher development have been recognised through the award of fellowships and an honorary doctorate.

Nominations for the 2012 Awards have closed and finalists will be made known in early October. The winner in each category will be announced at a ceremony on [World Teachers' Day](#) (28 October 2012). Cash prizes for professional development will be awarded by sponsors, QT Mutual Bank, Teachers' Union Health and The Courier-Mail.



QCT workshops and information sessions – Term 2, 2012

During Term 2, 2012 the QCT delivered a series of workshops and information sessions for Queensland teachers. The workshops focussed on the process of moving from provisional to full registration and the information sessions provided details about renewal of registration and continuing professional development requirements.

In total, 1017 teachers attended the workshops and information sessions in thirteen locations throughout Queensland.

The QCT intends to deliver similar information sessions in 2013 which will also have a focus on changes related to incoming national requirements, including the National Professional Standards for Teachers.



Quality assurance – Process of progressing from provisional to full registration

The QCT's policy on moving from provisional to full registration requires that a provisionally registered teacher must teach satisfactorily in a school or another acceptable setting for one year and meet the Professional Standards for Queensland Teachers. The process involves completion by the Principal of a *Provisional to Full Registration Recommendation Report* based on a review against each

of the Standards supported by examples of practice, as well as the assurance that all other requirements have been met.

As part of its ongoing commitment to the improvement of policies and processes, the QCT is undertaking a quality assurance process of the implementation of its policy on moving from provisional to full registration. This quality assurance process comprises an online survey completed by a random selection of schools that submitted Provisional to Full Registration Recommendation Reports during 2011 and a site-based interview with leaders in a representative selection of schools that submitted more than one Provisional to Full Registration Recommendation Report during 2011.

Information about provisional registration and the process for moving to full registration, including optional support tools, can be found at www.qct.edu.au/Registration/prov.html and by following additional links from the menu on the left.



Exemption Cards – Information for Registered Teachers

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian has released an information sheet for registered teachers. The information sheet outlines scenarios in which a registered teacher does and does not require an exemption card. To view the information sheet “**Information for Registered Teachers**” please visit the Commission’s website www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/bluecard/info-sheets.html



Beginning Primary Teacher Survey

Beginning primary teachers (up to 5 years’ experience) are invited to complete an anonymous, online questionnaire which is part of an Honours project investigating job demands in primary teaching and the psychological outcomes they influence. The research will help understanding of the ways that resources from schools and personal capability beliefs support teachers in their work.

The Primary Teaching Demands and Resources survey can be completed online via the link: www.surveymonkey.com/s/LTuxford.

Survey participants can enter a draw for a \$100 Coles voucher at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/LTuxfordprize
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