

# Guidelines for referees preparing reports for the Queensland College of Teachers

- You have been asked by the applicant to provide a professional reference to support his
  or her application for registration with the Queensland College of Teachers.
- If you believe that you have a conflict of interest, are related to the applicant or are in a
  relationship with the applicant you must decline the invitation to provide a reference for
  the applicant. Please note that the referee report form includes a conflict of interest
  declaration.
- To be a referee you must, within the past five years, have been either:
  - A member of the organisation's leadership team ( eg Principal, Head of Department) with direct responsibility for the supervision of the work of the applicant as a teacher or
  - working with the applicant in a collegial teaching environment for a period of at least six months.
- If you do not meet either of these criteria you should decline the invitation to provide a reference for the applicant.
- The Queensland College of Teachers is interested in gaining your views on the
  applicant's capacities in the key areas of professional practice identified in the Australian
  Professional Standards for Teachers at the graduate or proficient career stage. Copies of
  the standards may be downloaded with <u>Australian Professional Standards for Teachers</u>
  (PDF, 1.1MB)
- You are requested to read the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and provide a rating for the applicant against each standard, taking account of each descriptor.
- You are also required to provide a brief statement outlining the reasons for your rating of the applicant against each standard. Your statement must indicate how the applicant's performance relates to the standard. You should cite evidence to support your comments on the applicant's performance in these areas. Evidence may include descriptions of:
  - classroom practice
  - planning of learning experiences
  - participation in school or community based activities
  - involvement in professional development activities
  - participation in team based activities
  - interactions with the school community.
- Please ensure that your statement provides an honest and accurate record of the applicant's performance while working with you.

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| Name of applicant  |  |
| Name of referee  |  |
| Name of educational setting                                  |  |
| Position of Referee<br>(eg Principal, Head of<br>Department) |  |

| Contact details for referee | Work address     |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--|
|                             | Telephone number |  |
|                             | Facsimile number |  |
|                             | Email            |  |

#### Instructions for referee

The applicant is applying for registration with the Queensland College of Teachers.

The College is seeking your opinion on the applicant's capacity to meet the requirements of the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* at the graduate or proficient career stage.

- Please rate the applicant against each of the seven (7) standards using the following criteria. Do this by circling the appropriate number on the rating scale for each standard.
  - 1 = The applicant consistently and independently demonstrates all or most of the descriptors in the standard in a range of teaching contexts.
  - 2 = The applicant demonstrates the descriptors in the standard to an adequate extent.
  - 3 = The applicant requires support to demonstrate the descriptors in the standard.
  - 4 = The applicant does not demonstrate the descriptors in the standard.
  - N/A I cannot comment on the applicant's capabilities in regard to this standard.
- You must also provide a brief statement outlining the reasons for your rating for each standard.

Thank you for your time.

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| Standard  |         | Ra          | ting So | cale |                               |
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| Know students and how they learn     The descriptors within this standard focus on  | 1       | 2           | 3       | 4    | N/A<br>(unable to<br>comment) |
| the following areas:  | Reasons | for rating: |         | l    | commenty                      |
| 1.1 Physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students   |         |             |         |      |                               |
| 1.2 Understand how students learn   |         |             |         |      |                               |
| Students with diverse linguistic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds   |         |             |         |      |                               |
| Strategies for teaching Aboriginal and     Torres Strait Islander students  |         |             |         |      |                               |
| Differentiate teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities   |         |             |         |      |                               |
| Strategies to support full participation of students with disability  |         |             |         |      |                               |
| 2. Know the content and how to teach it   | 1       | 2           | 3       | 4    | N/A<br>(unable to             |
| The descriptors within this standard focus on the following areas:  | Reasons | for rating: |         |      | comment)                      |
| 2.1 Content and teaching strategies of the teaching area  |         |             |         |      |                               |
| 2.2 Content selection and organisation  |         |             |         |      |                               |
| 2.3 Curriculum, assessment and reporting  |         |             |         |      |                               |
| 2.4 Understand and respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to promote reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians |         |             |         |      |                               |
| 2.5 Literacy and numeracy strategies  |         |             |         |      |                               |
| 2.6 Information and Communication Technology (ICT)  |         |             |         |      |                               |
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| 3. Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning            | 1       | 2           | 3 | 4 | N/A<br>(unable to<br>comment) |
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| The descriptors within this standard focus on the following areas:   | Reasons | for rating: |   |   |                               |
| 3.1 Establish challenging learning goals                             |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 3.2 Plan, structure and sequence learning programs                   |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 3.3 Use teaching strategies  |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 3.4 Select and use resources   |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 3.5 Use effective classroom communication                            |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 3.6 Evaluate and improve teaching programs                           |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 3.7 Engage parents/carers in the educative process                   |         |             |   |   |                               |
|  |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 4. Create and registein comparting and arts                          |         |             |   |   | N/A                           |
| 4. Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments     | 1       | 2           | 3 | 4 | (unable to comment)           |
| The descriptors within this standard focus on the following areas:   | Reasons | for rating: |   |   |                               |
| 4.1 Support student participation                                    |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 4.2 Manage classroom activities                                      |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 4.3 Manage challenging behaviour                                     |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 4.4 Maintain student safety  |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 4.5 Use ICT responsibility and ethically                             |         |             |   |   |                               |
|  |         |             |   |   |                               |
|  |         |             |   |   |                               |
|  |         |             |   |   | N/A                           |
| 5. Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning           | 1       | 2           | 3 | 4 | (unable to comment)           |
| The descriptors within this standard focus on the following areas:   | Reasons | for rating: |   |   |                               |
| 5.1 Assess student learning  |         |             |   |   |                               |
| <ol><li>5.2 Provide feedback to students on their learning</li></ol> |         |             |   |   |                               |
| <ol><li>5.3 Make consistent and comparable judgements</li></ol>      |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 5.4 Interpret student data   |         |             |   |   |                               |
| 5.5 Report on student achievement                                    |         |             |   |   |                               |
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| 6. Engage in professional lea                                      | •                     | 1                   | 2           | 3         | 4        | N/A<br>(unable to<br>comment) |  |
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| the following areas:   |                       | Reasons for rating: |             |           |          |                               |  |
| 6.1 Identify and plan professiona needs                            | al learning           |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
| 6.2 Engage in professional learn<br>improve practice               | ning and              |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
| 6.3 Engage with colleagues and practice                            | I improve             |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
| 6.4 Apply professional learning student learning                   | and improve           |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
| 7. Engage professionally wit parents/carers and the comm           |                       | 1                   | 2           | 3         | 4        | N/A<br>(unable to<br>comment) |  |
| The descriptors within this stand the following areas:             | dard focus on         | Reasons             | for rating: |           |          |                               |  |
| 7.1 Meet professional ethics and                                   | d responsibilities    |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
| 7.2 Comply with legislative, adm<br>organisational requirements    |                       |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
| 7.3 Engage with the parents/car                                    | ers                   |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
| 7.4 Engage with professional tea<br>and broader communities        | aching networks       |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
|  |                       |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
| Referee's conflict of interes                                      | st declaration        |                     |             |           |          |                               |  |
| I declare that I do not have a co relationship with the applicant. | nflict of interest, a | m not relat         | ed to the a | applicant | and am n | ot in a                       |  |
| Referee's signature  |                       |                     | Date        |           |          |                               |  |

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