

# Reflections

on registration



# Reflections on the value of teacher registration

**Teacher registration upholds the excellence of our profession and:**

- **fosters confidence in the teaching profession**
- **contributes to child safety**
- **promotes a sense of professional belonging**

Teacher registration protects the public and the profession by ensuring only approved teachers are employed in schools. As in other fields where professionals must be registered—such as medicine, law and nursing—teacher registration acknowledges the unique professional qualifications, knowledge, skills and ethical standards required to practise.

Queensland's teacher registration system ensures only appropriately qualified and suitable teachers are employed in Queensland schools. This contributes to the protection of education standards and student safety, and upholds the reputation of the profession in Queensland.

## Six reasons to maintain your registration

**More  
affordable to  
maintain**



Returning to the register requires more than payment of an annual fee. If you reapply for registration in the future, there will be application fees involved.

For teachers with full registration, annual fees for three years are **less expensive than reapplying**.

**Easier and  
simpler to  
maintain**



If you allow your registration to end, a full application process will be required to gain registration again. **You may have to supply additional documentation and you will not be able to teach until granted registration.**

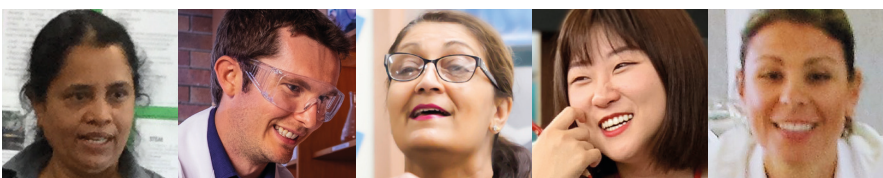
For most teachers with full registration, maintenance requires only a streamlined renewal process, which can take five minutes every five years.

**Employment  
requires  
registration**



If you are on an extended period of leave from a school, but still employed there, you should check with your employer before allowing your registration to end.

**Your leave arrangements may require you to hold registration.** Remember, you can renew even if you are not teaching.



**Being registered is your ke**

## Provisional registration

Teachers with provisional registration include recent teacher education graduates, teachers reapplying for registration after a career break and teachers who do not have experience in Australian schools.

If they have not moved to full registration after four years, provisionally registered teachers can reapply for provisional registration. This ensures Queensland teachers meet the current requirements for registration.

## Full registration

Teachers with full registration have demonstrated practice at the proficient career stage of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

To maintain full registration, every five years fully registered teachers update the QCT about their recency, professional development and conduct.

This 'five-yearly renewal' ensures the continued high standards of Queensland teachers.

## Three-year qualification limitations



Requirements for registration change over time. For example, until the 1990s, some teachers met qualification requirements with less than four years of higher education.

If you are in this category and allow your registration to end, then later decide to reapply, you may not meet current requirements for registration.

**You may not be able to gain registration again without additional studies.**

## Working with children



You may hold an exemption card because you are a registered teacher. This allows you to work in regulated child-related services without requiring a blue card, for example:

- working in an early childhood service
- private tutoring
- volunteering at a local children's sporting club.

**Allowing your registration to end would invalidate your exemption card and you would need to apply for a blue card.**

## Other non-teaching roles



**You may require registration for roles other than teaching in schools, for example:**

- NAPLAN marking
- supervising student teachers undertaking professional experience.

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