

Dear *Teachers Full Name*

The Board recently granted you Specialist Vocational Education and Training Registration (TRB Number: *#####*).

Teachers often ask what Specialist Vocational Education and Training Registration means. This email answers the most frequently asked questions about this.

Why have I been granted Specialist Vocational Education and Training Registration?

Specialist Vocational Education and Training Registration is granted to teachers who can meet the qualification, good character and fitness to teach requirements set in place by the Teachers Registration Board as the standard required of vocational education and training teachers in Tasmania.

Section 12 of the *Teachers Registration Act 2000* states:

(3A) The criteria for specialist vocational education and training registration are as follows:

(a) the applicant has the qualifications and experience as determined by the Board in relation to specialist vocational education and training registration;

(b) the applicant is of good character;

(c) the applicant is fit to be a teacher;

(d) the applicant, in the opinion of the Board, is sufficiently proficient in the English language.

How does this type of registration differ from Full or Provisional Registration?

Full and Provisional registration together comprise one category of registration and recognise the qualifications, teaching experience and competencies of teachers who are trained to teach in the school sector which delivers educational services to students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Specialist Vocational Education and Training (VET) Registration recognises the qualifications, teaching experience and competencies of teachers who are engaged or employed in the vocational education and training sector.

What am I registered to teach?

Registrants holding Specialist VET Registration are qualified to deliver VET courses in Tasmanian schools and TasTAFE, including courses that are foundation courses or prerequisites to vocational pathways.

What does it mean to have a condition on my registration?

Some registrants have conditions placed on their registration. These conditions are usually specific to the registrant and may be as a result of an outstanding evidence requirement or an issue that has come before the Board. Please ensure that you are familiar with any conditions that have been placed on your registration; conditions are viewable in your TRB Online certificate.

Am I eligible for teacher registration in other Australian states or territories or New Zealand?

Tasmania is the first Australian state to introduce the registration of teachers/ trainers in the vocational education and training sector. Other states are now investigating the range of benefits of having regulated professionals delivering vocational education and training programs.

There is currently no comparable/equivalent type of registration in other Australian states. So a teacher with Specialist VET Registration cannot apply for their registration to be mutually recognised: will not be able to seek teacher registration with other teacher regulatory authorities in Australia or New Zealand.

What if I am currently studying to be a school sector teacher (studying a nationally [accredited initial teacher education program](#))?

The Act also allows the Board to grant Specialist VET registration AND general school-sector registration to teachers who have qualifications suitable for both education sectors – vocational and school. Therefore a number of Tasmanian teachers will hold two categories of registration in recognition of their broad educational qualifications - Specialist VET registration and either full or provisional registration for the school sector.

When you provided suitable evidence of graduation from an [accredited initial teacher education program](#) to the Board your registration will be updated to reflect a dual registration status (you will hold registration to teach both in the school and vocational sectors).

We recommend you read the following documents:

- [Information for New Teachers](#)
- [Rights and Responsibilities of Registered Teachers](#)
- [Code of Professional Ethics for the Teaching Profession in Tasmania.](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Kind Regards
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