



TEACHERS - Frequently Asked Questions - Mutual Recognition

- Q. Which application form is required to apply for mutual recognition in South Australia?**
- A. You will need to complete the mutual recognition application available on the TRB SA website at [MR-Application-2025-Fillable.pdf](#)
- Q. What additional documentation is required to apply for teacher registration under mutual recognition?**
- A. To apply for teacher registration under mutual recognition you must hold active registration/accreditation in another Australian state or territory or New Zealand, to be granted the equivalent category of registration in South Australia, in accordance with the provisions within the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992 (Cth)* and the *Mutual Recognition (South Australia) Act 1993* and the *Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997 (Cth)*. A copy of your existing registration certificate/card or Teacher Summary Report (eTAMS for NESA NSW Accredited teachers only) is required.
- Q. How are fees calculated under mutual recognition?**
- A. The TRB operates within the *Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004* (the Act) and *Teachers Registration and Standards Regulations 2021* (the Regulations). Fees are prescribed pursuant to the Regulations.

Under mutual recognition you will be granted a term of registration equivalent to the number of years remaining on your current Australian State or Territory or New Zealand registration (subject to approval). Not all applicants are granted a 5-year term of registration when coming onto the register in South Australia under mutual recognition.

An annual fee must be paid for at least 1 year; however, the registration fee can be paid to the end of your registration period.

Fees are subject to annual indexation, as provided in the Regulations. You can save indexation costs by paying all fees upfront.

Q Why are there two registration expiry dates for teacher registration in SA?

- A. Teachers who have been granted teacher registration in SA will have two applicable expiry dates printed on their registration certificate.

The Annual Fee expiry date – is the date when the next annual fee payment is due. It is separate to the Term of Registration. Failure to pay the annual fee will result in your registration being non-financial. If you wish to reinstate your registration you will need to pay the default fee and the prior year/s registration that you have not paid.

Your Term of Registration is granted to the nearest 31 January after your current Australian State or Territory or New Zealand term of registration expires. At the end of this period, you will be required to renew your teacher registration in SA.

Q. Do I need a Working with Children Check issued in South Australia?

- A. Yes, a South Australian [Working With Children Check](#) (WWCC) is a mandatory requirement for anyone in South Australia who works with children.

The WWCC is a requirement introduced under the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 to further improve checks on people who work or volunteer with children WWCCs are valid for five years from the date of issue. You can apply for a WWCC through the Department of Human Services in South Australia.

Working with Children Checks issued from other interstate jurisdictions will not be accepted for teacher registration.

Q. Can I begin teaching when I receive my employment contract?

- A. You can begin teaching when you have an Interim Deemed Registration letter from the TRB SA and a valid South Australian WWCC.

Q. How long is my Interim Deemed Registration (IDR) valid?

- A. Up to one month from the date of issue, while your mutual recognition application is being assessed and your first jurisdiction registration is valid.

Q. I have been informed that my Interim Deemed Registration (IDR) has been extended for up to 6 months. Why has this occurred?

- A. The Board must grant registration within one month after an application is correctly lodged with the Board. The Board may however within that month, postpone the grant of registration for a period of up to 6 months while undertaking further investigation and may contact your first jurisdiction (in which case, IDR will continue, pending a decision on registration) or refuse registration.

Q. My employer has told me that I must complete Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care and First Aid training. Is this a requirement of registration?

- A. Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care and First Aid training is a requirement for Employers not a registration requirement.