

TRB SA Mutual Recognition Fact Sheet

Mutual Recognition is legislated by the Commonwealth under the Mutual Recognition Act 1992 (Cth) and the Mutual Recognition (South Australia) Act 1993 and the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997 (Cth.)

The mutual recognition principle provides for persons registered in an occupation (ie teacher) in their first jurisdiction (Australian State or Territory or New Zealand) to be registered in a second jurisdiction (South Australia).

Once granted registration under mutual recognition in South Australia, the Teachers Registration and Standards Act, 2004 and the Teachers Registration and Standards Regulations, 2021 apply to all teachers.

The Teachers Registration Board (the TRB) provides a policy to support the legislation and understanding of mutual recognition.


Teachers can apply for mutual recognition in each Australian State or Territory or New Zealand.

Separately, teachers must apply for a South Australian Working With Children Check prior to teaching in a South Australian school or early childhood setting.

Upon confirming teachers are up to date with all registration fees owed interstate and have registration that permits them to teach in their first jurisdiction, then teachers are entitled to registration equal to their current term of registration (up until 31 January - the end of the South Australian TRB registration year term).

An application form must be submitted along with evidence of first jurisdiction registration and the applicable fee. See the webpage for more information.

Upon assessment of the application, if all documents and payment are in order, then a letter of Interim Deemed Registration (IDR) will be issued, and you can teach in South Australia. The TRB then has up to one month to confirm your first jurisdiction registration and to assess that you hold an equivalent occupation. Once registration is confirmed and assessed, a Certificate of Registration is issued (digital certificates are not currently issued in South Australia).



Conditions may be imposed on your registration. A condition may limit the activities you can conduct in South Australia, to ensure the registration covers activities that are the same as the registration issued in the first jurisdiction.

Your personal information will be added to the Register of Teachers on the TRB website. If information in your mutual recognition application is inaccurate or misleading, the TRB will investigate and there may be further actions taken. A matter raised might be your fitness and propriety to teach. One outcome might be that final assessment of registration is postponed for 6 months. If this was to occur the TRB would advise by letter.

If you have any questions in relation to this Fact Sheet, please email mutual.recognition@trb.sa.edu.au or phone (08) 8253 9700.