

Applying for registration with non-approved qualifications

Teachers who apply for registration in South Australia with a non-approved qualification will not meet the registration requirements.

Legislation

The Teachers Registration Board of South Australia (the Board) administers the following legislation - the Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004 (the Act) and the Teachers Registration and Standards Regulations 2021 (the Regulations).

Board Decision

By a decision of the Board, made on 23 May 2025, it determined that one-year non-accredited ITE Graduate Diploma qualifications are not appropriate for teacher registration in South Australia pursuant to regulation 7(3), in circumstances set out in this notice.

Section 21(1)(a) of the Act determines that a person is eligible for registration in South Australia as a teacher if they have qualifications and experience that are 'prescribed by regulation' or determined by the Board to be appropriate for registration.

Approved qualifications

As per regulation 7(3) of the Regulations, an approved degree, diploma or other qualification means one that has been awarded by a higher education institution

that is a member of Universities Australia (or the equivalent former names), but it does not include a degree, diploma or other qualification that the Board has determined is not an appropriate qualification for registration.

Non-approved qualifications

The prescribed qualifications of teachers registered in South Australia do not include non-accredited ITE qualifications from any Australian university or higher education provider in the following circumstances:

Circumstances

Graduate Diplomas studied in Australia at an Australian higher education provider (whether face-to-face or online) from 1 January 2024 or later, where that program has not been accredited against the nationally endorsed 'Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia – Standards and Procedures' (Standards and Procedures) (See regulation 5).

How to check?

Teachers are encouraged to review the AITSL Accredited Programs List of Initial Teacher Education programs ([Accredited programs list](#)). TRB SA accepts all qualifications that are listed on the AITSL Accredited programs list.



Mutual Recognition

This does not apply to those teachers who have gained registration in another jurisdiction and apply for registration in South Australia through mutual recognition (registration will be reviewed as per meeting all eligibility requirements and payment of the fee).

Early Childhood Teachers

This information does not apply to Early Childhood Teachers, please refer to the [Early Childhood Teacher Registration Fact Sheet](#) for further information.

For additional information, please contact the Registration Team at:
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