

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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AITSL - Nationally consistent registration of Australian teachers

Question

What is the progress in implementing Nationally Consistent registration of Australian teachers, which was endorsed by Education Ministers in 2011?

- a. How many states and systems currently used the nationally consistent guidelines for teacher registration?
- b. How is AITSL monitoring progress in implementation of nationally consistent registration of teachers?

Answer

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has provided the following response:

- a. All eight states and territories use the nationally consistent approach to teacher registration. The agreed national approach comprises eight elements:
 1. initial period of registration
 2. fixed period of registration
 3. alternative authorisation to teach
 4. discipline and de-registration
 5. suitability
 6. qualifications
 7. English language proficiency
 8. mutual recognition.
- b. After the nationally consistent approach for teacher registration was agreed in 2011, AITSL monitored the implementation of each of the elements as they were adopted into state and territory legislation, regulation and/or policy. AITSL continues to maintain a strong relationship with all state and territory regulatory authorities, particularly in relation to the implementation of the Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group (TEMAG) reforms to initial teacher education, and follows developments in the registration space. Currently AITSL does not have a formal role in monitoring the implementation of teacher registration.