

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

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AITSL - Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead teachers

Question

Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead teachers was endorsed by Standing Council in April 2012, implementation began in 2013. Which states have implemented this?

- a. What are the next steps to ensure states and territories are actually implementing these new levels?
- b. How many Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers have been certified? Please also provide numbers by each state and territory and system.

Answer

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

The following states have implemented the Certification of Highly Accomplished and Lead teachers:

- ACT
- NSW
- NT
- SA
- WA (Independent sector only)
- QLD (QLD Department of Education and Training 2017 pilot).

Certification is voluntary. AITSL has responsibility for supporting the implementation with participating jurisdictions. We are also working to promote the use of Highly Accomplished and Lead Teachers to make certification available to teacher in all states and territories.

Over the past two years AITSL has developed the Assessor Training Program Refresher, launched the Highly Accomplished and Leader Teacher (HALT) Network and hosted two HALT Summits. In March 2017, AITSL released *Taking the lead*, a strategic paper articulating a vision for national teacher certification in Australia. AITSL has also supported the Qld Department to pilot national certification in 2017.

The table below provides a summary of the number of teachers nationally certified across states/territories.

Total number of certified teachers as at January 2017							
	WA AIS	WA DoE	NT TRB	NSW NESA	ACT TQI	SA SATCC	Total
Highly Accomplished	5	5	44	101	31	42	228
Lead	6	2	18	59	16	24	125
Totals	11	7	62	160	47	66	353