

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000468

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New national certification process for new principals

Question

How is the Department implementing the commitment that all new principals should be certified through a new national certification process before their appointment? (p.10)

- Have States and Territories agreed to implement this?
- What is the timeline for implementation?

Answer

In May 2016, the Australian Government's *Quality Schools, Quality Outcomes* policy document for school reform outlined a number of key areas for future focus. It was clearly outlined in the policy document that "consultation with states and territories, the non-government school sector, teachers, school leaders and the community will be central to the development of future schooling directions."

The Minister for Education and Training is undertaking this consultation through a range of mechanisms, including Education Council.