

Queensland College of Teachers



On 1 January 2006 the Board of Teacher Registration will be replaced by the Queensland College of Teachers as provided by the Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005. In anticipation of the establishment of the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT), the following information is provided for all education stakeholders.

REGISTRATION OF TEACHERS in 2006

● FEE NOTICES FOR 2006 REGISTRATION

The Board of Teacher Registration is unable to send out the 2006 annual fee notices to registered teachers on behalf of the Queensland College of Teachers. Fee notices will be sent out as soon as possible after 1 January 2006. Registration fees for 2006 will be payable by 31 March 2006.

Under the transition arrangements of the new Act all teachers registered prior to 1 January 2006 will continue to be registered until 31 March 2006. Teachers who do not pay their 2006 registration fees by the end of March 2006 will be ineligible to teach in Queensland.

All state and non state schools have been encouraged to ensure that all teachers possess current teacher registration for 2006 by 31 March 2006. Penalties may apply for non-compliance.

● ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEES ONLY – NO ADVANCE FEE OPTION

There will be NO advance fee options as was previously available. Fees must be paid on an annual basis. Teachers who have paid in advance will receive a credit for money already paid.

● REGISTRATION CARD

A teacher's registration card is the only valid evidence of registration. Cards will be issued as soon as possible following payment of the annual fee for 2006. Employers are required to ensure that all teachers employed in schools have current registration. The Board/College website register can also be accessed to provide this information.

● CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

From 2006, all registered teachers will be issued with a certificate of registration. The certificate is only valid if used in conjunction with the registration card and should not be used as evidence of current registration. Current registration status can be checked by referring to the search facility on the Board/College website.

2006 APPLICATIONS

Processing of applications from new applicants cannot be finalised until after 1 January 2006. There will be approximately 2000 graduating teachers and other applicants to register before the commencement of Term 1, 2006. Untoward delays are not anticipated. Employers have been asked to ensure that any new teachers to be appointed from the beginning of the 2006 school year have applied for teacher registration. Registration prior to the commencement of term 1, 2006 cannot be guaranteed for late applications. However new applicants should not be disadvantaged by the transition processes.

ELECTION OF TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES

The Board of the Queensland College of Teachers will include three elected representatives of registered teachers. There will be one representative employed in a non-state school and two employed in state schools.

It is anticipated that the election will be advertised in The Courier Mail and Qld regional newspapers on Saturday 26 November, with nominations closing on Monday 5 December. Ballot papers will be distributed to all registered teachers in early December and voting will close on 30 January 2006.

Whilst these are very short timelines, it is considered important to ensure that the elected teacher representatives are able to take their place on the Board when it first meets, probably in February 2006.

Practising teachers who wish to express interest in being candidates could contact Colleen Anderson on (07) 3377 4722 or via email ColleenA@btr.qld.edu.au. This would ensure that they receive nomination materials in a timely manner.

TEACHERS DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Information for persons interested in serving on the Teachers Disciplinary Committee of the Queensland College of Teachers is now available on the Board's website.

The role of the committee is to conduct hearings and make decisions about disciplinary matters referred to the committee by the College or the Professional Practice & Conduct Committee.

Persons interested in being considered as potential Committee members should complete the application form available on the Board's website and provide references and other material requested therein by Friday 25 November 2005.

Further information is also available from Debra Cunningham via email DebraC@btr.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 3377 4736.

QCT WEBSITE

A new website is currently being developed for the Queensland College of Teachers. It is anticipated that the website will be available in January 2006. Features of the website will include information about College policies and procedures as they become available and a secure section to enable teachers to access and update their personal details.

Information about the Queensland College of Teachers, including frequently asked questions, is currently available from the QCT interim website at <http://www.btr.qld.edu.au/interimqct.htm>

QCT LOGO

A new logo has been developed for the QCT. The logo design and colours will influence the corporate identity of the College and reflect the establishment of a new authority to ensure the professionalism of teachers in Queensland. The logo will be made public in the near future.

OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE

The Board of Teacher Registration office and staff will make the transition to become the office of the Queensland College of Teachers and will continue to operate from its current premises. A staff restructure will enable staff to utilise their skills, knowledge and experience to continue to provide quality support to education stakeholders, including teachers, and to assist the College in performing its functions.

More information about the Queensland College of Teachers is available from:

BOARD OF TEACHER REGISTRATION

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