

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

ARE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, QUALIFICATIONS AND SUITABILITY TO TEACH POLICIES OF THE VICTORIAN INSTITUTE OF TEACHING CONSISTENT WITH OTHER AUSTRALIAN TEACHER REGISTRATION AUTHORITIES?

Yes the Institute's "Qualification for Teacher Registration 2012" Policy approved by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 are aligned with the nationally consistent approach to the registration of teachers.

WHAT IS THE NATIONALLY CONSISTENT APPROACH TO TEACHER REGISTRATION IN AUSTRALIA?

The Nationally Consistent approach to teacher registration in Australia is an agreement reached by the Australian Education, early Childhood Development & Youth Affairs Senior Officials Committee (AEEYSOC) and endorsed by the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs (MCEECDYA) which is intended to ensure that the teacher registration requirements of all States and territories are aligned.

HOW DO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2012 COMPARE WITH THE PREVIOUS ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS OF 2011?

The Institute's 2012 English language requirements been increased in line with national standards.

The main changes are:

The IELTS (Academic) requirements have been raised from an average band score of 7 to an average band score of 7.5 across all four skill areas of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

This means that there must be no score less than 7 in any of the four skill areas and there must be a score no less than 8 in the skill areas of speaking and listening, eg

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| Speaking | 8 | was previously 7 |
| Listening | 8 | was previously 7 |
| Reading | 7 | was previously 7 |
| Writing | 7 | was previously 7 |

There have been no changes to ISLPR and PEAT requirements.

All English language tests will be acceptable for a period of two years from the date of the test. Previously tests were only valid for one year from the date of the test.

IF I HAVE AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST RESULT THAT IS MORE THAN 1 YEAR OLD BUT LESS THAN 2 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AFTER 1 APRIL 2012 WILL THAT TEST RESULT BE ACCEPTABLE?

Providing that the Language Test Scores meet the requirements of the new policy and the test is less than 2 years old at the time of application, you will not need to undertake a new test.

ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS IN 2012?

Yes. All applicants who have undertaken their teacher education qualifications, consisting of four full years of higher education study that includes an approved initial teacher education program (or qualifications assessed as comparable) in English in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada or the Republic of Ireland are not required to undertake an English language test.

WILL I BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST IF MY TEACHER TRAINING WAS UNDERTAKEN IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN MY HOME COUNTRY?

You will only be exempted if your teacher education was undertaken in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada or the Republic of Ireland as indicated above. If your training was completed in any other country you will be required to undertake an English language test.