

Fact sheet Digital registration cards

The Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) is transitioning from physical registration cards to a digital solution for a safer and more convenient way to verify teacher registration in Victoria.

Changing the way we verify teacher registration

Currently, registered teachers and early childhood teachers in Victoria can prove their registration via the <u>register of teachers</u> and <u>Employer portal</u>, or by showing their employer a physical registration card.

A digital registration card solution will improve the registration experience, provide for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people, and deliver a range of benefits for teachers, employers and the wider teaching profession.

Making it easier to prove teacher registration

The VIT has engaged Service Victoria to develop and host the new digital VIT registration card on the Service Victoria app, providing employers and teachers with convenient access to real-time proof of registration.

Using the same digital wallet that stores <u>Victorian digital driver licences</u>, teachers can easily retrieve and show their registration details via their smart phone or tablet device whenever they need to prove their registration status.

Employers scan the QR code in the digital card to confirm the teacher's registration status via the register of teachers for real-time verification.



Reducing the risk to child safety

A teacher's registration can change at any time (e.g. become expired, placed on interim suspension or cancelled), therefore physical cards are point-intime verification and only valid on the day they are printed.



Employers and teachers who rely solely on physical cards to verify teacher registration are at serious risk of contributing to a range of regulatory issues, including child safety concerns and instances of <u>unregistered teaching</u> <u>practice</u>.

The <u>register of teachers</u>,

Employer portal and digital registration card are all updated immediately upon a change in registration and are therefore the only real-time methods to prove a teacher's registration status.

This supports our vision to ensure that Victorian learners have the best teachers in their education setting at all times.

Information for ITE graduates / pre-service teachers

If you're about to graduate from your initial teacher education (ITE) or early childhood program and apply for teacher registration or permission to teach (PTT) with VIT, the following information is everything you need to know about digital registration cards.

What is a digital VIT registration card?

The new digital VIT registration card is a digital version of the current physical VIT registration card.

It's accessed via the Service Victoria app and displays the same registration details as a physical card.

The new digital cards will, in time, replace the current physical cards.

Who can get a digital VIT registration card?

Any teacher who holds current registration with VIT is eligible for a digital card.

When can I access a digital VIT registration card?

Digital cards will be gradually rolled out to all registered teachers and early childhood teachers over 12 months and will be issued alongside physical cards to allow for a smooth transition period.

From November 2024, ITE graduates who are granted teacher registration or PTT will be issued with both a physical and digital card.

The transition to a digital-only solution is expected to be complete in late 2025.

How do I access a digital VIT registration card?

Once your application for teacher registration or PTT has been approved, you will receive a confirmation email from VIT with instructions on how to set up your new digital card via Service Victoria.

How much does a digital VIT registration card cost?

It's free for all VIT registered teachers.

How long does it take to get a digital VIT registration card?

Once you have successfully completed the set-up process, your digital card will be available within 5 minutes. Service Victoria will email you when it's on its way.

How do I use a digital VIT registration card?

Once you've logged into the Service Victoria app

- click on the 'Wallet' section and tap on your 'VIT registration card'
- pull down to refresh or click the 'Tap here to refresh' button
- show your employer your registration details
- scan the QR code using the Service Victoria app scanner on your employer's smart phone or tablet device
- confirm your registration status via the register of teachers.

Need more information?

Learn about the <u>benefits of digital registration cards</u> or explore our full suite of <u>FAQs</u>.