Welcome to our fifth circular on early childhood teacher registration. This circular contains important information about:

- English language competence requirements and how they apply to your registration
- what to do if you are already registered as a teacher
- information seminars coming up in May and June

**English Language Competence Requirements**

If you are already working as an early childhood teacher or if you are eligible to apply for early childhood teacher registration under the transitional provisions, the English language competence requirements will not apply to you.

If you are a registered teacher applying for early childhood teacher registration as a second registration, the English language competence requirements will not apply to you.

Everyone else applying to the Institute for early childhood teacher registration must meet the standard of competence in both written and oral communication in the English language.

If you completed all the years of higher education study associated with a qualification leading to early childhood teacher registration in English at an institution in Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, The United States of America, Canada or the Republic of Ireland, you will meet the requirements for English language competence.

If you did not complete all the years of the higher education study associated with a qualification leading to early childhood teacher registration as outlined above, you will be
required to undertake one of the approved English language tests and meet the [English language competence standard](#) required.

**Registered teachers who apply for early childhood teacher registration**

If you are already a registered teacher and want to also be a registered early childhood teacher, you will need to make a second registration application for early childhood teacher registration. This is because the qualification requirements for early childhood teacher registration are different from the qualification requirements for teacher registration.

The cost to maintain a second registration will be no more than 25% of maintaining a first registration.

**Information seminars**

Information seminars about early childhood teacher registration will be held during May and June from 5:30pm in metropolitan and regional locations.

These seminars will help to ensure that you fully understand the requirements for registration, and give you the opportunity to meet Institute staff and ask questions. Even if you are not currently working as an early childhood teacher but intend to do so in the future, we recommend you attend.

**Seminar dates and locations**
To reserve your place now, [register online](#).

**How do I find out more?**

Further information about registration as an early childhood teacher is available on the Institute website ([www.vit.vic.edu.au](http://www.vit.vic.edu.au)) including frequently asked questions.

Anyone who submits an 'intent to register' form will also receive these circulars to their email address as they are published.

**Do I need to do anything now?**

The Institute is not accepting applications at this stage. You will be notified when the application process is open.

This information is intended for early childhood providers, services and teachers. If you are a provider or service who does not employ early childhood teachers and do not wish to receive this circular, please notify us by email on [Early.Childhood@vit.vic.edu.au](mailto:Early.Childhood@vit.vic.edu.au) and we will remove you from our distribution list.

Kind Regards

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