

VIT Video

RETURNING TO TEACH: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

When you have non-practising registration and you want to return to teaching, before you can commence teaching, you must contact VIT and apply to return.

Before you do this, here's the question you need to ask yourself:

Will I be able to meet my requirements before my return to teaching period runs out?

What is the 'return to teaching period' and what are your requirements?

Your return to teaching period starts on the day your application is approved and ends at least 12 months later, on the nearest September 30.

The return to teaching period will vary, depending on when it begins.

Say you start your return to teaching period at the start of the year, in January. Go forward 12 months past January the following year and then go to the nearest September 30. THAT's your return to teaching period – approximately 20 months.

Or say you tell VIT you're returning to teach later in the year – around July. Go forward 12 months past July the following year and then go to the nearest September 30. THAT's your return to teaching period – approximately 14 months.

And what do you need to have done in that time?

You need to have completed 20 days of teaching or equivalent practice, and 20 hours of standards referenced PD, which includes a special needs component.

So you need to teach 20 days during your return to teaching period.

But to make the PD part easier to achieve, your 20 hours PD can include anything you've done in the 12 months PRIOR to returning.

So let's recap:

When you want to return to teaching, you must contact VIT.

Then you must be able to meet your requirements during your return to teaching period.

If you don't meet your requirements, your registration will expire.

If you want to reapply for registration, you'll need to meet the current requirements, which are 4 years of higher education study including at least 1 year of a teaching qualification.

So, if you're ready to return to teaching, contact VIT, and once your request is processed you'll receive your returning to teach card in the mail.