

Taking a break from teaching?

Consider non-practising registration

If you're not currently teaching, or planning a break, [non-practising registration](#) can help you stay connected to the profession while focusing on other priorities.

Whether you're starting or supporting a family, taking a career break, or travelling, it's important to choose a registration option that fits your situation.

What is non-practising registration?

Non practising registration lets you stay registered with VIT while you're not teaching in a Victorian school or early childhood service.

While you hold non-practising registration, you



Important to know

You cannot teach with non-practising registration. You still need to confirm your ongoing suitability and fitness to teach each year.

If your current teacher registration expires, your Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check also expires.

When non practising registration may be the right choice

These scenarios can help you reflect on your own situation.

Scenario 1: Family leave



SCENARIO

Teacher A is a fully registered early childhood teacher who is taking extended family leave. They will not be working in a teaching role during this time.

Because of this, Teacher A may not be able to

- meet the 20 days of professional practice requirement, or
- complete relevant professional learning.



OUTCOME

Non-practising registration may help Teacher A

- avoid needing to meet annual requirements while on leave
- remain fully registered with VIT (had they ceased registration and re-applied after 5 years, they would have been granted provisional, not full, registration)
- use their VIT registration instead of a separate Working with Children Check if they chose to undertake non-teaching child-related work.



KEY TAKEAWAY

If you're taking time away from teaching, planning your registration early can reduce stress later.

Non-practising registration allows you to stay connected while focusing on other priorities.

Scenario 2: Provisional registration – 6 year limit



SCENARIO

Teacher B has held provisional registration for 4 years and plans on taking a career break to travel across Australia for at least 1 year.



OUTCOME

Non-practising registration may help Teacher B

- pause the 6 year provisional registration limit, so time away from teaching does not count toward the maximum period
- stay connected to the teaching profession
- use their VIT registration instead of a separate Working with Children Check if they chose to undertake, non-teaching child-related work.



KEY TAKEAWAY

Non-practising registration allows provisionally registered teachers to take time away from teaching while still having 6 years to move to full registration.

Scenario 3: Tutoring



SCENARIO

Teacher C works as a tutor in a company that specialises in VCE exam preparation. They are seeking to renew their registration in September on the basis of [equivalent practice](#).

Not all education-related roles meet the equivalent practice requirements. To count, the role must

- align with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers
- support your ability to teach in a Victorian school or early childhood setting.



OUTCOME

In this case, Teacher C's tutoring role **does not meet** these requirements. They will need to move to non-practising registration to remain registered.



KEY TAKEAWAY

Tutoring does not automatically count as equivalent practice, and most tutoring jobs do not require you to hold registration. Always check whether your role meets VIT requirements, as well as whether you need to hold registration, before completing your annual registration tasks.

Returning to teaching

You can remain on non-practising registration for as long as you need, as long as you complete your annual registration tasks each year.

When you're ready to return to teaching, you can apply to [return to full registration](#) through your MyVIT account.

How to apply



If you're unsure which option is right for you, we're here to help guide you.

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Staying registered — in a way that fits your career stage — supports trust in the teaching profession and the safety of Victorian learners.