

What does VIT do?

The Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) is an independent statutory authority for the teaching profession, whose primary function is to regulate teachers. The VIT undertakes its functions in accordance with the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* to regulate for a highly qualified, proficient and reputable teaching profession.

We regulate teachers in government, independent and catholic systems across primary, secondary and early childhood sectors. Our vision is to ensure that Victorian learners have the best teachers.



ITE approval and accreditation

To ensure aspiring teachers are well prepared for entry into the profession, VIT accredits initial teacher education (ITE) programs, approves pathways into ITE programs and endorses continuing education programs.



Investigating conduct

To provide for the safety and wellbeing of children and young people, VIT operates a rigorous process to investigate and take action in relation to inappropriate or unprofessional conduct, incompetence or lack of fitness to teach.



Teacher registration

To ensure that only qualified and suitable persons are able to teach, VIT registers teachers through checking the qualifications and suitability of those wishing to join the profession.



Monitoring compliance

To regulate compliance, VIT investigates unregistered teaching, conducts audits of teachers' declarations regarding their recency of practice and professional learning, and develops the Victorian Teaching Profession's Codes of Conduct and Ethics.



Maintaining professional practice

To maintain professional standards, VIT ensures all teachers undertake standards-referenced professional development to substantiate their competence at the proficient level and to progress from provisional registration to full registration.

Why is teacher registration important?

Being registered with VIT is more than a legal requirement. In fact, registration has many benefits for the professional status, standing and public confidence in the teaching profession.



Excellence

VIT registration ensures that you are qualified and of suitable character. You are supported along your teaching journey – from granting provisional registration in your early careers, to connecting you with valuable professional resources to increase your proficiency as you advance in your career.



Recognition

Registering with VIT enables you to be recognised as part of a regulated and registered profession across Australia and New Zealand. It assures communities that their teachers are maintaining their knowledge and competence through ongoing professional learning requirements.



Safety

Registration helps ensure that Victorian communities have safe access to highly qualified teachers with appropriate suitability to work with children and young people. VIT registration means that your professional and ethical credentials are clearly visible to the community.



Integrity

The Victorian teaching profession's Codes of Conduct and Ethics help you demonstrate your positive contribution to the teaching profession. Registration with VIT confirms the integrity of your profession by taking appropriate action against those who do the wrong thing.

Misconceptions	Correct information
The VIT is a government department	Although we report to the Minister for Education, VIT is not a Victorian Government department.
The VIT is funded by the government	The VIT is funded solely by teacher registration and accreditation fees and receives no funding from the Victorian Government.
The VIT is part of the Department of Education (DE)	The VIT is not part of the Department. The VIT registers and regulates members of the teaching profession and the Department employs members of the teaching profession. Employment matters are not within the jurisdiction of VIT.
The VIT advocates on behalf of teachers and the teaching profession	The <i>Education and Training Reform Act 2006</i> (Vic) was amended in 2011 to remove VIT's professional advocacy role, and we no longer have a legislative remit to advocate on behalf of teachers or the teaching profession.
Registered teachers don't get anything in return for paying registration fees	The VIT's wide range of statutory functions are completed on a cost recovery basis, with operational costs funded primarily through teacher registration fees. While many of these functions might not apply to every teacher (e.g. investigating misconduct), this important work provides for the safety and wellbeing of children and ensures the public standing of all teachers.