



# Early Childhood Teacher Registration Frequently asked questions

From  
April 2024, Early  
Childhood Teacher  
registration will be  
available in the  
ACT

These (FAQs) are provided to assist teachers, employers and other stakeholders to understand the new category of teacher registration in the ACT – Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) Registration.

The single ACT teacher register will be broadened to include three registration categories - Early Childhood Teacher Registration, Provisional Registration and Full Registration. A third registration category, rather than a separate register, respects early childhood teachers as integral to the teaching profession and provides professional recognition for the quality teaching and learning facilitated in the early years.

## What are the eligibility requirements for ECT registration?

The following eligibility requirements must be met:

- Qualifications (4-year accredited ITE birth - 5, birth – 8 or birth – 12 degree or an ACECQA approved ECT level qualification)
- Current WWVP registration
- Eligibility to work in Australia
- English Language Proficiency (as applicable)
- 100 points of identification

More detail can be found:

<https://www.tqi.act.edu.au/registration/ECT-registration-information-for-stakeholders>.

Qualifications can be checked at [https://www.acecqa.gov.au/qualifications/nqf-approved-using-the-searchable-NQF-approved-qualifications-list-and-selecting-ECT-qualification-level](https://www.acecqa.gov.au/qualifications/nqf-approved-using-the-searchable-nqf-approved-qualifications-list-and-selecting-ECT-qualification-level).

## Will it be mandatory for ECTs to register?

Registration within this category is voluntary if you are working in a registered ECEC service under the *Education and Care Services National Law (ACT) Act 2011* including preschools attached to an ACT school.

## What are the annual requirements and conditions to maintain ECT registration?

All registration categories, must meet the following requirements and conditions to maintain registration:

- 20 hours of Professional Learning logged, evaluated and reflected
- Maintain positive WWVP registration
- Maintain working rights in Australia (if applicable)
- Abide by the TQI Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for ACT Teachers

Please reach out to TQI to discuss if you have concerns around meeting any of these requirements.

## If I hold ECT registration, where am I able to work?

ECT registration allows you to work in any birth – 5 education setting.

## Can I move to the Provisional registration category?

If you hold a Birth – 8 or Birth – 12 accredited ITE qualification, you can move to provisional registration. If you hold a Birth – 5 qualification, you will need to undertake an equivalence pathway to move to provisional registration.

## Why should I become registered?

The benefits of registration include:

- Professional recognition for quality teaching and development in the early years - placing value and esteem on the teaching and learning impacts.
- ECT teachers included as an integral and equal part of the teaching profession.
- Engagement and connection through facilitated networks and communities of practice.
- Opportunities to access TQI support sessions, events, resources and professional learning.
- Opportunities to engage with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (the standards).
- Opportunity to engage with Certification.

## Do I need to complete an English Language Proficiency (ELP) test?

If either of the following apply to you, you will not need an ELP test:

- you have undertaken 1 or more years of academic study leading to a higher education award, other than a doctoral degree, in English in 1 or more recognised countries; or
- in the 2 years before application for registration, undertaken an approved ELP test and achieved the required scores (IELTS test - band 8 in speaking and listening and at least band 7 in reading and writing or ISLPR test - level 4 in speaking, listening, reading and writing).



## How to apply

Complete the online registration application available via the link on our website. To ensure efficient processing of your application, save all required supporting documents to your computer (colour PDF format scan of the original document) ready to upload to your application.

