



TEACHER ACCREDITATION

***WHAT DO I NEED TO DO OVER THE
NEXT
FIVE YEARS?***

2010 – 2014
Current as of March 2009

What do I need to do to upgrade from “Interim” accreditation to “Full” Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School status?

In order to move from “Interim” accreditation to “Full” Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School you will need to spend some time teaching in a Catholic school and:

- (a) have completed the approved professional development requirements of at least 25 hours over the five years. In effect, this minimum requirement could be met by: 25 hours of Tertiary Studies or participation in one full day (five hours excluding breaks) in-service per year for the five years. (Note the TO TEACH section below)
- (b) maintain an accurate record of in-service attended in your Teacher Learning Log

Typical in-service themes for accreditation could include:

TO TEACH

- spirituality of the teacher
- why Catholic schools?
- R.E. across the curriculum
- School as part of Church
- ethos of Catholic school
- History of Catholic school in Australia

What do I need to do to maintain my Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School status?

In order to maintain your Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School status so that you can be re-accredited at that level at the end of 2014 you will need to:

- (a) fulfil the requirement of at least 25 hours over the five years of 'participation in professional development activities that support and enhance the religious dimension of education in a Catholic School' (i.e. the same requirement of teachers who do not teach religion). In effect, this requirement could be met by 25 hours of Tertiary Studies or participation in one full day (five hours, excluding breaks) in-service per year for the five years. (Note the TO TEACH section below)

AND

- (b) fulfil the additional professional development requirement of at least 25 hours over the five years focussed specifically on teaching religion in the classroom. Again, a school could provide this during a staff in-service day per year during the five year period. (Note the TO TEACH RELIGION section below)
- (c) maintain an accurate record of in-service attended in your Teacher Learning Log

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TO TEACH RELIGION

- theological input on topics being taught in the teaching of religion programme
- spirituality of the religion teacher
- programming, assessment and reporting in religion
- evaluating a religion programme
- teaching methods in religion
- use of scripture in the teaching of religion
- Christology, Morality, Sacraments
- Religious Education across the curriculum
- Prayer and liturgy at school
- Catholic education and social justice

What do I need to do to maintain my Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School status?

In order to maintain your Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School status so that you can be re-accredited at that level at the end of 2014 you will need to:

- (a) have completed the approved professional development requirements of at least 25 hours over the five years. In effect, this minimum requirement could be met by: 25 hours of Tertiary Studies or participation in one full day (five hours excluding breaks) in-service per year for the five years. (Note the TO TEACH section below)
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What do I need to do to upgrade from “Interim” accreditation to “Full” Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School status?

In order to move from “Interim” accreditation to “Full” Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School you will need to provide evidence of:

- (a) the equivalent of 4 semester units of Tertiary Studies in the areas of theology, spirituality, Catholic education, or Religious education
- (b) ability to apply theology and spirituality to the teaching of religion

A teacher might meet this requirement by completing the 4 religion units within the B.Ed at the Australian Catholic University or by completing Certificate IV in Theology (Foundations). Another teacher might complete 4 units of the Graduate Diploma Religious Education at the Australian Catholic University.

For further information and details you are referred to the document Professional Development Information that is available on our Intranet site and from this Office.

- (c) maintain an accurate record of in-service attended in your Teacher Learning Log