



# Recency of Practice and Returning to Teach

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The *Education (Queensland College of Teachers) Act 2005* came into effect on 1 January 2006 and introduced new requirements for teachers in Queensland to maintain their teacher registration. One of these requirements is in relation to recency of practice required under the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) Framework.

## What is required?

- The minimum practice requirement for renewal of registration is that a person has practised as a teacher, whether or not on a full-time basis, for at least one year within the five year period of registration. 'One year' is defined as 200 days or 1000 hours of teaching in a school.
- Members of the profession who do not meet recency of practice requirements in a period of registration will have their full registration renewed subject to a 'Returning to Teaching in Schools' condition. This program will need to be completed prior to or during the first 12 months of returning to teaching in a school, to ensure that their knowledge, skills and practice are up to date.

Guidelines for "Returning to Teach Programs" are still under development by the Qld College of Teachers.

## QTU Position

The Department should provide fully funded accessible professional development, mentoring and support for returning teachers to meet the requirements of the QCT.

## Further References

Returning to teach policy QCT:

<http://www.qct.edu.au/renewal/ReturningToTeach.html>