Fact Sheet

Review of Board Decisions

The objective of the *Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Act 2004* (the Act) is to ensure that only persons who are fit and proper, appropriately qualified and competent to teach, are employed as teachers in the Northern Territory. The Act now contains provisions pertaining to the review of Board decisions. In order to ensure transparency and accountability in decision making, some Board decisions are now able to be reviewed through the Northern Territory Civil Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT). This provides teachers with efficient and cost effective recourse for decisions made by the Board.

# What decisions can be reviewed?

Board decisions that may be reviewed include decisions relating to refusal or cancellation of registration, the suspension, imposition or variation of conditions and some other professional conduct matters.

# Who can apply for a review of Board decisions?

**An applicant** is a person who has applied for registration, including renewal. An applicant may seek review of decisions relating to:

* Refusal of registration
* Imposition or variation of a condition on registration

**An applicant** may also be a Higher Education Institution seeking review of a Board decision relating to refusal to accredit a teacher education course.

**A registered teacher** may seek review of decisions relating to:

* The cancellation of registration for reasons of disciplinary proceedings.
* The suspension of registration following the appointment of an inquiry committee.
* The imposition or variation of conditions on registration imposed through disciplinary proceedings.
* Further action taken by the Board in relation to disciplinary proceedings without first holding an inquiry.
* Cancellation under section 65A (loss of ochre card) or 66 (fail to provide information).

**A Complainant** is a person who has made a complaint to the Board under section 49 of the Act that has resulted in a preliminary investigation or inquiry may apply for review of the Board decisions at the outcome of that process if they are not satisfied with the Board decision.

A person who can apply for review of a decision will be notified of the Board’s decision in writing and that they have a right to have the decision reviewed by NTCAT. The person can request a statement of reasons for the decision from the Board.

# How do I apply for review of a decision?

Applications for review are made directly to NTCAT. The process for the review of the decision is determined by NTCAT.

For more information on Review of Board decisions, refer to the Review of Board decisions on the Board’s website [www.trb.nt.gov.au](http://www.trb.nt.gov.au), or you may choose to seek legal advice or advice from NTCAT.