

Fact Sheet

Key Legislation Changes: Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Act

The Teacher Registration Board (the Board) is responsible for administering the scheme of teacher registration, and for driving the quality, professionalism and status of teaching in the Northern Territory. The Board performs its functions in accordance with the *Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Act* (the Act), which has recently been reviewed. The new Act commenced on 1 January 2020, strengthening the Board's function of supporting, promoting and encouraging quality teaching practice with a focus on enhancing child safety and educational outcomes for children.

There are several key changes to the Act that affect all registered teachers. This Fact Sheet contains a brief overview of these key changes. Teachers are encouraged to visit the Board's website at www.trb.nt.gov.au for more detailed information on the new requirements.

<h3>Notifications</h3>	<p>Teachers must notify the Board of personal details, certain offences, disciplinary action taken by another registration authority, withdrawal of qualifications or if an Ochre card expires or is revoked. Visit Notifications Teacher Registration Board for more information</p>
<h3>Ochre Cards</h3>	<p>The Board will now consider whether a person has an Ochre Card when deciding if they are fit and proper to teach. Visit Working with Children Clearances Teacher Registration Board for more information.</p>
<h3>Personal Details</h3>	<p>Teachers must provide the Board with details of any physical or mental impairment, disability, condition or disorder, including substance abuse or dependence, that the person has and that may affect the person's eligibility for registration or authorisation.</p>
<h3>Information Sharing</h3>	<p>The Board must be notified of certain information by teachers, employers and other government agencies and may share information with others. It is an offence to provide false or misleading information to the Board.</p>
<h3>Professional Development</h3>	<p>All teachers have a condition to comply with a Professional Development Framework. Visit Professional Development Framework Teacher Registration Board for more information.</p>
<h3>Review of Decisions</h3>	<p>Some Board decisions are now able to be reviewed through the Northern Territory Civil Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT). Visit Review of Board decisions Teacher Registration Board for more information.</p>
<h3>Registration Certificates</h3>	<p>In addition to the existing information, registration certificates will now show the details of all conditions imposed on a teacher's registration; and whether the teacher has achieved HALT status.</p>