

Guide for Overseas Qualified Teachers (NSW only)

To work as a Teacher in NSW, Australia, you must have completed a minimum of 4-years full-time (or part-time equivalent) university level study. The study must include a teaching degree comparable to AQF Level 7 (Bachelor degree) or higher, which includes at least one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) university level study of initial teacher education and completion of at least 45 days of supervised teaching practice (professional experience, practicum). You will need to complete a Teacher Accreditation by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) to work as a teacher in NSW.

Steps:

- ☐ Accreditation of Qualifications: apply for course accreditation through NESA. You must provide evidence of your 4-year teaching degree or 4-year qualification package (a non-teaching degree with a post-graduate teaching degree)
- ☐ Apply for approval to teach in NSW public schools. You must upload relevant documentation and complete an online interview.

Required Documents: you must provide a NAATI-accredited translation of your documents and your original certified documents, if your original transcripts are not in English.

- ☐ a final transcript of any relevant degrees (undergraduate and post-graduate when applicable), including proof of 45 days of supervised teaching practice
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- ☐ three certified copies of identification
- ☐ a current NSW Working with Children's Check (this is essential, see below for more information)
- ☐ evidence of successful completion of an approved English Language Proficiency Test if any part of your qualifications are from a country where English is not the main language (countries other than Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and the Republic of Ireland) (click here for more information regarding NESA's English Language requirements and testing)
- ☐ an overseas criminal history check if you have resided overseas for 12 consecutive months or more in the past 5 years.

Essential Information:

- Fees: AUD\$100 yearly accreditation fee. WWCC AUD\$107.
- Approved English Language tests include the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and the International Second Language Proficiency Rating (ISLPR). You will be required to meet minimum scores.

Links:

- NESA: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa>

- Overseas Qualifications:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/teacher-accreditation/get-accredited>
- NZ Teachers:
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/teacher-accreditation/get-accredited/mutual-recognition>
- Approval to teach:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teach-nsw/become-a-teacher/approval-to-teach/experienced-teachers-from-other-systems-interstate-and-overseas>