



COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHEET FOR AUSTRALIA

Universities and Other Higher Education Institutions Recognized in Prince Edward Island (PEI)

Only those higher education institutions that are established or approved by an appropriate educational authority (usually a government body) are recognized by the PEI Office of the Registrar.

In the case of Australia, we recognize those higher education institutions that are established or approved by state, territory or Commonwealth government authority.

The Australian Qualifications Framework Register is a register that includes a list of all recognized higher education institutions which are authorized to issue qualifications. If your higher education institution is found on that list, then most likely we recognize it.

For a link to that list on the Australian Qualifications Framework Register's website, see:

<http://www.aqf.edu.au/RegisterAccreditation/AQFRegister/tabid/174/Default.aspx>

Pre-Service Teacher Education Programs Recognized in Prince Edward Island

Only those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by an appropriate educational authority (usually a government body) in your country are recognized by the PEI Office of the Registrar.

In the case of Australia, we recognize those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by state, territory or Commonwealth government authority.

In general, state and territory teacher certification/registration boards are responsible for recognizing or approving pre-service teacher education programs. Hence, generally found on their websites are lists of all recognized or approved pre-service teacher education programs in their jurisdictions. If your pre-service teacher education program is found on the list of the jurisdiction where you completed your program, then most likely we recognize it.

See the section **Obtaining Statements of Professional Standing**, below, for the website address information for each state and territory teacher certification/registration board.

Specific Programs Not Recognized in Prince Edward Island

Any programs that do not meet our minimum requirements for an acceptable teacher education program will not be recognized.

Obtaining Academic Records

In Australia academic records or official transcripts are issued by universities and other higher education institutions.

When seeking to obtain your official transcripts you are generally required to submit a **written request by fax, email or post** to your university's Academic Records Division. Your full name,

date of birth and student ID number (if known) should be included. Generally, information cannot be provided over the phone.

Official transcripts must be mailed directly to us from every higher education institution you have attended. We will not accept transcripts submitted by you even if they are sealed or notarized. We will not accept transcripts by fax or email. Transcripts received must be in the original language of issue.

If the PEI Office of the Registrar receives transcripts in languages other than English or French, we will send a copy to you. You will need to have the documents translated into either English or French and send the original translations to us.

Obtaining Statements of Professional Standing

A Statement of Professional Standing is a document that states you are a teacher in good standing and that your teaching license has never been revoked, cancelled, or suspended for any disciplinary reasons. This document usually comes from the government body or other licensing body that oversees teachers.

A Statement of Professional Standing is required and may be obtained from the state where you completed your teacher education program. Additional Statements of Professional Standing are required from states or territories where you have held or hold a teaching certificate. All Statements of Professional Standing must be mailed directly to the PEI Office of the Registrar.

Generally, the state or territory body responsible for teacher certification/registration (and approval of pre-service teacher education programs) is also responsible for issuing Statements of Professional Standing.

Found below is the website address information for each state and territory teacher certification/registration board.

Australian Capital Territory: Australian Capital Territory Teacher Quality Institute (TQI):
<http://www.tqi.act.edu.au/home>

New South Wales: NSW Institute of Teachers:
<http://www.nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/>

Northern Territory: Teacher Registration Board of the Northern Territory:
<http://www.trb.nt.gov.au/>

Queensland: Queensland College of Teachers:
<http://www.qct.edu.au/index.html>

South Australia: Teachers Registration Board of South Australia:
<http://www.trb.sa.edu.au/default.php>

Tasmania: Teachers Registration Board of Tasmania:
<http://www.trb.tas.gov.au/default.aspx>

Victoria: Victorian Institute of Teaching:
<http://www.vit.vic.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>

Western Australia: Western Australian College of Teaching:
<http://www.wacot.wa.edu.au/>

Teaching Certificate

You do not need to submit this document. Your Statement of Professional Standing will supply this information.

Credit Hour Equivalencies

In Australia each university has its own credit system. One course (usually called a subject or unit) may be worth between 1 credit and 12 credits, depending on the system in place for a particular institution. In most cases, students are expected to take four courses per semester to be considered full-time.

Because credit systems in Australia can vary so much between higher education institutions, the PEI Office of the Registrar calculates the credit hour equivalencies for each application on a case-by-case basis.

As an example, one of the most common credit point systems in Australia is the 6 credit hours or points per course system. In PEI, our university, the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), generally utilizes a 3 credit hours or points per course system. Found below, is a table containing our credit hour and course equivalencies for the Australian 6 credit hours per course system.

	Credit Hours per Course	Typical Full-time Course Load
Australian Higher Education Institution	6	4 courses x 6 credit hours
UPEI	3	5 courses x 3 credit hours

Other Pertinent Information

Years of Scholary and Year 12 Equivalent

In order to be eligible for certification as a teacher in PEI you are required to have a minimum of 16 Years of Scholary, which includes completion of your Year 12 equivalent (also known as Grade 12 or High School equivalent). Generally, a Year of Scholary is earned for every year of formal education you have completed, beginning with Year 1 education at the elementary or primary school level.

Because Years of Scholary and Year 12 equivalence can vary so much between countries and even within them, the PEI Office of the Registrar calculates the Years of Scholary and Year 12 equivalence for each application on a case-by-case basis.

Language Proficiency

You do not need to provide satisfactory results on a language proficiency test if you have completed all of your post-secondary education in English or French.

In Australia, English is typically the language of instruction; hence, in most cases, applicants who have completed all their post-secondary education in Australia do not require language proficiency testing. For more information on language proficiency, including acceptable tests and test scores, see our **Resource Guide: "Welcoming Internationally Educated Teachers to PEI."**

The **Resource Guide** is available online on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website. See the following link: <http://www.gov.pe.ca/forms/pdf/2085.pdf>