

# Australia

## Awarding bodies

Universities within Australia

## Accrediting agencies

Australian Teacher Regulatory Authorities (professional registration); Teaching Australia (migration issues); Australian Universities Quality Agency

## Key facts

Population: 21.37 million (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2008, preliminary)

Education expenditure: 4.8% of the GDP in 2005/6 (OECD 2008)

Primary enrolment: 99.6% in 2006 (OECD 2008)

Secondary enrolment: 82.7% in 2006 (OECD 2008)

Tertiary enrolment: 84% (OECD 2008)

Number of primary teachers: 124,997 in 2008 (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2008, preliminary)

Number of secondary teachers: 122,130 in 2008 (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2008, preliminary)

Estimated number of un- and under-qualified teachers: n/a

Estimated number of foreign teachers: estimated 14% of primary teachers and

19% of secondary teachers are overseas born (Staff in Australia's Schools 2006-7)

## Professional requirements for teaching

Professional requirements for teaching vary between states and territories, but generally include:

Professional registration/accreditation (except the Australian Capital Territory which is investigating the option) for teachers satisfying fitness and proper requirements. A national registration process is also being investigated

Code of conduct for registered teachers

Require continued professional development as a condition for continued registration

Criminal record screening undertaken as part of the registration and accreditation process

Registered/accredited teachers are required to pay an annual fee

Foreign teacher qualifications are assessed by Teaching Australia (for migration purposes only)

Induction programme for foreign teachers (offered only by some states and territories)

## Key contacts

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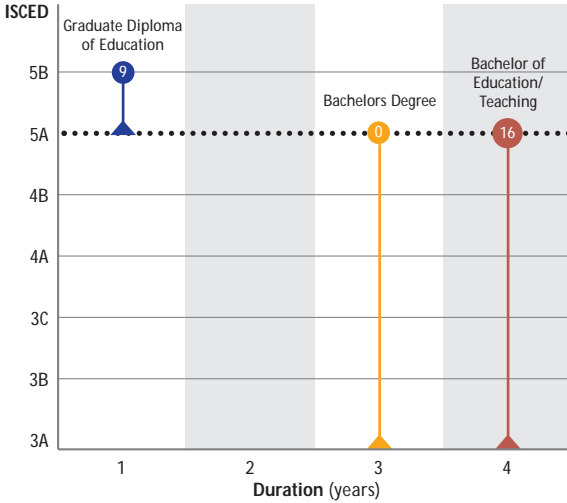
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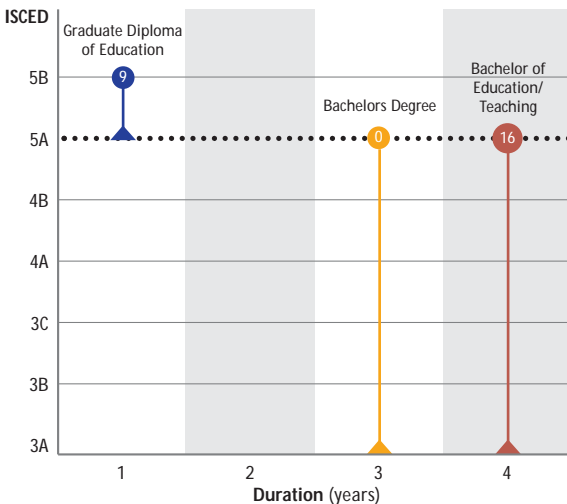
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