

CHANGES TO SKILLS ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Notice issued 21 December 2009

On **22 March 2010** Teaching Australia – Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited will introduce changes to the skills assessment criteria for English language proficiency and supervised teaching practice. **The criteria will apply to all applications for the following occupations:**

ASCO code	Profession
2411-11	Pre-primary school teacher
2412-11	Primary school teacher
2413-11	Secondary school teacher

These changes only apply to Teaching Australia skills assessment for the General Skilled Migration program.

THE CRITERIA THAT APPLY FROM 22 MARCH 2010 ARE:

1. English language proficiency

All applicants are required to provide evidence of a standard of English language proficiency required for teaching in Australia by meeting one of the following criteria:

- completed at least one year full-time higher education level study for an initial teacher education qualification in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America; **or**
- obtained a score of seven (7.0) or more in each component of the Academic version of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination. These results must have been obtained within the 12 months prior to submitting a skills assessment application and the required scores must appear on a single IELTS Test Report Form.

Additionally, applicants are advised that Teaching Australia reserves the right to ask an applicant to take the Academic IELTS Test if there is uncertainty about their level of English language proficiency.

2. Professional

As part of the educational criterion, the applicant's initial teacher education qualification must contain at least 45 days of supervised teaching practice in their nominated occupation.

A 12 month transitional period commenced on 1 June 2008, during which time 30 days of supervised teaching practice was accepted in cases where the applicant had worked as a qualified teacher for at least one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) within the previous three years.

This transitional period will cease on 21 March 2010.