

Change to Professional criterion for Early Childhood (Pre-Primary school) Teacher

Effective 22 April 2016

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) wishes to advise of an amendment to the Professional criterion for Early Childhood (Pre-Primary School) Teacher (ANZSCO 241111).

The following change will apply to all applications received from 22 April 2016.

Amendment: Professional criterion

Current

{Emphasis added}

*“An initial teacher education qualification relevant to the early childhood (pre-primary school) teacher occupation of at least one year full-time study (or part time equivalent) at the higher education (university) level. The qualification must include a minimum of 45 days of supervised teaching practice with students across the **ages of 3 - 8 years** in education programs prior to and in the early years of primary school.*

The professional qualification/s must be assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian bachelor degree or higher.”

New

{Emphasis added}

*“An initial teacher education qualification relevant to the early childhood (pre-primary school) teacher occupation of at least one year full-time study (or part time equivalent) at the higher education (university) level. The qualification must include a minimum of 45 days of supervised teaching practice with students across the **ages Birth to 8 years** in education programs prior to and in the early years of primary school.*

The professional qualification/s must be assessed as comparable to the educational level of an Australian bachelor degree or higher.”

What does this mean?

AITSL will now consider supervised teaching practice with children across the Birth to 8 years age range, completed as a compulsory component of a relevant initial teacher education qualification, towards meeting the supervised teaching practice requirements of the Professional criterion for Early Childhood (Pre-Primary School) Teacher (ANZSCO241111).

The amendment is consistent with nationally consistent registration for teachers in Australia.