

Submission for Teacher Registration Review

After teaching in Queensland for 25 years, I transferred to a new job in New South Wales for 2017. Applying to NESA for teacher registration made me feel like a newly graduated teacher. There was nowhere in the application to indicate experience outside of New South Wales and I had to obtain evidence of my qualifications as if I had not been registered before.

Once I had provisional accreditation, things improved but I would suggest that our current system is inefficient. It can also be frustrating for teachers. We need to act like a unified country, instead a collection of states and territories. Why can't we be registered as **Australian** teachers and have the freedom to move states without having to start registration almost from scratch?

Having Australian standards was a very good first step. We need to take the logical next step and have a national registration scheme.