

NOTIFICATION OF A DECISION TO REFUSE TO ACCREDIT A NEW SCHEME TEACHER AT PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE

1. BACKGROUND

Teacher accreditation authorities (TAAs) may refuse to accredit a person at the level of Professional Competence under Section 32(b) of the Act.

This document is designed to provide TAAs with a mechanism to notify the Institute of Teachers of a refusal to accredit a person at the level of Professional Competence.

Revocation of the provisional or conditional accreditation of a new scheme teacher under sections 31(4), 33(a) and 33(b) of the Act as well as revocation for reasons of misconduct (in accordance with the meaning in the Act) and failure to pay fees are not described in these procedures.

A decision to refuse the accreditation of a person at Professional Competence can only be taken if the TAA has complied with the Institute of Teacher's ***Accreditation Advice at Professional Competence***.

Refusal to accredit a teacher has the following implications for new scheme teachers and TAAs:

- provisionally and conditionally accredited new scheme teachers who have their accreditation at Professional Competence refused within their relevant period¹ of accreditation can apply for employment in a different teacher accreditation authority.
- new scheme teachers who fail to be accredited at Professional Competence following expiration of the relevant period can no longer be employed as teachers in NSW (Section 33).

The functions of the Institute of Teachers include monitoring the accreditation process across all schools as well as ensuring that the Professional Teaching Standards are applied fairly and consistently. In undertaking this function, the Institute will monitor the adherence to the Institute's policies by individual TAAs in relation to the accreditation of their new scheme teachers.

¹ The relevant period is defined in the Act as a maximum 3 year period for provisionally accredited teachers (or 5 years for casual, temporary and part time teachers) and a maximum 4 year period for conditionally accredited teachers (or 6 years for casual, temporary and part time teachers).

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STAGE OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE**

I am writing to inform the NSW Institute of Teachers that I am refusing to accredit at Professional Competence:

_____ under section 32 (b) of the
insert name and accreditation number
Institute of Teachers Act. The decision to refuse to accredit him/her at Professional Competence
please circle
has been taken following the implementation of and adherence to the Institute of Teacher's
Accreditation Advice at Professional Competence.

Teacher Accreditation Authority's name (please print)

Signature

Date

Please return to:

NSW Institute of Teachers
PO Box A976
SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1235

or

fax: 02 9268 6313