

## What is accreditation and how do I obtain it?

### Explanation of Accreditation

Accreditation is a process undertaken by Catholic School Authorities that recognises competency to teach in a Catholic school and to teach Religion in a Catholic school.

There are two types of accreditation:

- 1. Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School**
- 2. Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School**

All teachers are required to obtain Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic school.

Primary school teachers and Secondary school teachers that teach Religion are required to obtain and maintain Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic school.

## Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School (ATICS)

### Do I need ATICS prior to applying?

- No, you are not required to have Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School prior to applying to teach with Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR).
- Once appointed to CEDR, all employees participate in an annual professional development day, the Bishop's In-Service Day, which grants Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School.
- You will receive interim accreditation noted within your appointment letter. You will be granted full accreditation after you attend the Bishop's In-Service Day.

### Accreditation Policies:

**Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School and**  
**Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School**

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# Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School (ATRICS)

## Explanation of ATRICS

Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic school requires knowledge in one or more of the following areas: Religion Studies, Christian Leadership, Theology, Scripture, Religious Education, Liturgy and Spirituality. The skills to plan, teach and assess student progress and achievement in Religion and facilitate student involvement in the faith life of the school are fundamental aspects of ATRICS.

## Do I need ATRICS prior to applying?

- ▶ No, you are not required to have Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School prior to applying to teach with Catholic Education - Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR).
- ▶ If you have completed applicable tertiary religious studies, you may be granted Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic school upon appointment.
- ▶ If you do not have Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic school, you will be granted interim accreditation for the first five years of your continuing employment.

## How can CEDR support you in obtaining ATRICS?

- ▶ Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic school is renewable every five years. In order to continue teaching Religion in a Catholic school, the teacher is required to meet the Catholic School Authority's guidelines for renewal of this accreditation. Such guidelines require the teacher to provide evidence of completion of relevant professional learning activities that support and enhance the knowledge and skills deemed necessary to teach Religion effectively.
- ▶ CEDR may provide financial support through sponsorship of specific courses that enable continuing teachers to gain Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic school.
- ▶ Your school principal, Assistant Principal: Religious Education (APRE) and the CEDR Formation, Identity and Religious Education team can assist with any queries you may have about obtaining or maintaining relevant accreditation.

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