

## TRB Newsflash | 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010

### Important changes to Teacher Registration in the Northern Territory

The *Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2009* was debated in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010. The Bill had support on both sides of the House and the proposed amendments were accepted unopposed by Members. Once the Administrator gives His assent it will become an Act and will supersede the *Teacher Registration (Northern Territory) Act*. It is anticipated that the new Act will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

The amendments will enable the Teacher Registration Board to:

- introduce two categories of registration: Provisional Registration and Full Registration
- require teachers to meet registration renewal requirements every five years based on evidence of ongoing competence and good character
- accredit pre-service teacher education courses for delivery in the Northern Territory
- have clearer powers in undertaking disciplinary and compliance proceedings
- have better access to information from third parties (and provide protection to those persons who provide the Board with information)

The new Regulations are currently being drafted for approval by Cabinet and assent by Executive Council. Once the Regulations have been assented to, it is expected that the Board will be able to bring into effect the policy matters on which it has consulted widely with stakeholders.

Regular updates will be published on the Teacher Registration Board website about the introduction of new registration procedures.

A **Question and Answer** sheet is available on our Webpage in the **Newsflash** section.