

# How to apply for a primary school teacher position as a new education graduate in Australia

Primary school teachers are trained and registered educators. They teach children ages 5-12 a variety of subjects, including mathematics, science, English, technology, arts, humanities, social sciences, health, and physical education. They also have a responsibility to prepare children for the transition into secondary school education.

Teachers need to develop lesson plans from an approved curriculum and educate children on a variety of subjects. Furthermore, they have the responsibility to promote their students emotional, mental and social development by monitoring and assessing them. It is also important for a teacher to form good relationships with parents, other school staff and senior management to discuss student progress and other essential information.

There are 4 main steps you will need to take to apply for a primary school teacher position in Australia:

## **1: Complete high school education.**

You will need to complete your Senior Secondary Certificate of Education and qualify for enrolment into a university.

## **2: Complete a bachelor's degree or higher education.**

To register and apply for a primary school teacher position in Australia, you must complete a Bachelor of Education (Primary) or higher at an accredited institution. If your undergraduate degree is unrelated to teaching, you will need to complete a Master of Teaching (Primary). While studying at university, you will need to learn the best methods to tackle student growth, engage and interact with students and how as an educator you can help students.

## **3: Apply for registration.**

You will need to apply for registration in your state or territory once you have completed your education. When you register, it is mandatory to have both working with children and police checks prior to approval. Once you are approved, you will be able to work as a teacher, but you will need to provide proof of performance to get a full registration.

## **4: Apply for a job.**

Finding a job in Australia is not easy but there are things you can do to boost your chances of getting a teaching position. Firstly, consider the possibility of moving to an area where teachers are more in demand, this could be a rural area, or an area that has limited teachers. Secondly, if working in a rural area or away from your hometown is difficult for you, you need to approach as many schools as possible by introducing yourself directly to build a good rapport. It will greatly assist your chances of getting a teaching position if you can show that you are good at your job, responsible and have a lot of experience and motivation.

## Skills important to becoming a primary school teacher.

Primary school teachers need to be friendly, calm, patient and compassionate. They require exceptional communication skills and the ability to build trusting relationships with children. They also need to be knowledgeable, enthusiastic, motivated, and have good leadership skills and be highly responsible.