

Grey Nomad Teacher Employment Strategy - 2012 FACT SHEET

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The *Grey Nomad Teacher Employment Strategy* is an initiative of the Department of Education and Training (DET) that encourages registered and retired teachers to support their travels in a unique range of rural, remote and regional locations throughout Queensland through short term teaching opportunities.

Eligibility

Teachers who wish to participate in the *Grey Nomad Teacher Employment Strategy* must:

- Hold current teacher registration with the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT); and
- Have successfully completed a minimum of one (1) year of continuous service with a recognised education authority.

The QCT may recognise current teacher registration from other Australian states and territories and from New Zealand. Further information on teacher registration can be obtained from the QCT website at www.qct.edu.au

All applicants are required to disclose information regarding criminal conviction offences. The QCT conducts its own checks on any criminal history of applicants for registration and registered teachers.

Employment Options

The department's education regions participating in the program during 2012 are:

- Darling Downs-South West Queensland
- Far North Queensland
- Central Queensland
- North Queensland

Maps of each of these regions and the schools located in each region are available from the department's website at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/maps/> Note: The majority of opportunities for casual/temporary employment are in rural, remote and regional locations. Opportunities within the Greater Brisbane, South East and Sunshine Coast Regions will be limited.

Each participating region is responsible for temporary appointments within schools in their region. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the region/s indicated (after submitting the *Grey Nomad Teacher Employment Strategy Expression of Interest* form) to discuss employment opportunities.

For casual employment, teachers are encouraged to contact schools directly or register with the department's Teacher Relief and Contract Employment Register (TRACER). Information on TRACER is available on the department's website at <http://www.tracer.qld.edu.au/> or by telephone (07) 3280 1447.

Applicants seeking employment through the *Grey Nomad Teacher Employment Strategy* may elect to apply for one or both of the Temporary or Casual employment options:

- Temporary - Teachers are engaged for periods of six (6) days or more and may either be on a full-time or part-time basis; and
- Casual - Casual, relief or supply teachers can be engaged on an hourly basis, usually during the absence of a teacher on short-term leave for up to six (6) consecutive days.

Participants will be paid at a rate commensurate with their teaching experience. Information about current teacher salary rates is available from the department's website at <http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/administrative/docs/salarieschedule.xls>

Information about Queensland state school terms can be viewed on the Queensland state school calendar available on the department's website at http://education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

Application Process

Teachers who have previously been employed by Education Queensland or the Department of Education and Training, only need to complete the *Grey Nomad Teacher Employment Strategy Expression of Interest* form. This will reactivate their employment record and update their personal details.

Teachers who have not previously been employed by Education Queensland or the Department of Education and Training, must complete the *Application for Teacher Employment Form* which is available on the department's website at <http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/teaching/forms-guides.html>

Applicants should read the *Guide to Completing the Application for Teacher Employment Form* carefully before completing and submitting their application form. The *Guide to Completing the Application for Teacher Employment Form* is available on the department's website at <http://education.qld.gov.au/hr/recruitment/teaching/forms-guides.html>

The *Grey Nomad Teacher Employment Strategy Expression of Interest* form or the *Application for Teacher Employment Form* and the necessary certified documentation should be submitted in hard copy format to the Teacher Applicant Centre (TAC):

Teacher Applicant Centre, Department of Education and Training, PO Box 469, IPSWICH QLD 4305
Do you have questions? Telephone TAC - 1300 137 228 or email TAC - tac@deta.qld.gov.au

Applications not completed correctly or not supported by the appropriate documentary evidence may be delayed.

Once the *Grey Nomad Teacher Employment Strategy Expression of Interest* form or the *Application for Teacher Employment Form* (if applicable) has been submitted to TAC, a written confirmation of the submitted form will be provided in writing by TAC along with a DET identification/employee number. When the relevant form has been submitted to TAC, applicants are to contact the regional office responsible for the locations where they will be travelling to discuss employment opportunities.

Opportunities for Partners and Non-Teachers

The department welcomes Grey Nomad teachers travelling with a partner. Partners who are not registered teachers, may wish to assist in a voluntary or paid capacity on the school grounds or in the school community during the period of employment.

Volunteers are required to obtain a 'Blue Card' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian before commencing child related employment of volunteer work. The website, which provides information on how the Working with Children Check and Blue card system operates and the Blue Card application form, can be accessed on the internet at <http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/employment/index.html>

To discuss volunteer and paid non-teaching opportunities please contact the participating regional offices.

TAFE Teaching – an opportunity to share your skills

With over 700 skill areas and more than 80 locations across the state, TAFE Queensland offers short to medium term TAFE Teaching employment opportunities for Grey Nomads with the relevant industry experience and qualifications in their chosen field. More information can be accessed on the department's website at www.deta.qld.gov.au/skillstreasury

Further Information

For further information about employment opportunities through the *Grey Nomad Teacher Employment Strategy*, please contact the participating region/s noted below:

Participating Region	Contact Officer	Contact Number
Darling Downs - South West Queensland	Suzie King	(07) 4616 9142
Far North Queensland	Carol Graham	(07) 4046 5244
Central Queensland - Rockhampton	Deborah Quinn	(07) 4938 6741
Central Queensland - Mackay	Christopher Cook	(07) 4951 6819
North Queensland	Lorraine Keane	(07) 4744 8207