

New accreditation legislation

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The new [Education \(Accreditation of Non-State Schools\) Act 2017](#) (the 'Accreditation Act 2017') and the new [Education \(Accreditation of Non-State Schools\) Regulation 2017](#) (the 'Accreditation Regulation 2017') commenced on 1 January 2018.

This fact sheet gives an overview of the legislation that replaces the [Education \(Accreditation of Non-State Schools\) Act 2001](#) and the [Education \(Accreditation of Non-State Schools\) Regulation 2001](#), both of which ceased to have effect on 1 January 2018.

Key changes

The Accreditation Act 2017 and the Accreditation Regulation 2017 introduce a range of changes for non-State schools and their governing bodies.

An outline of the key changes:

Mandated use of certain curricula

This includes the use of:

- the Australian curriculum
- other curriculum recognised by ACARA for Preparatory Year to Year 10
- curriculum recognised by QCAA for Years 11 and 12

Removing provisional accreditation

A new accredited non-State school must meet the requirements for accreditation from the first day the school operates

Notification of new directors

When a new director is appointed, the governing body must submit details of the new director to the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board within 28 days

Student welfare processes

This accreditation criterion requires a school to have and implement written processes about receiving, assessing, investigating and otherwise dealing with complaints made by the school's staff, students or a student's parent or guardian

Further information

See a copy of the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board's [letter](#) to the governing bodies for more information about the changes.

Where to find the new legislation

A copy of the new legislation can be found on the Queensland legislation website: www.legislation.qld.gov.au.

For further information, and copies of application forms and notices, refer to the [NSSAB website](#).

It is important to note that the above is not an exhaustive list of the changes.