

ACECQA is the new skills assessing authority for Early Childhood Teachers

The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) has been appointed as the assessing authority for the Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher (ANZSCO 241111) occupation.

When will ACECQA start delivering the skills assessments for the Early Childhood Teacher (ECT) occupation?

From 7 December 2024, ACECQA will deliver the skills assessments for the ECT occupation. If you require a new ECT skills assessment after 7 December 2024, you will need to submit your application to ACECQA. AITSL will only accept ECT applications until midnight of 6 December 2024.

More information about this change can be found [here](#).

What happens if I have submitted an ECT application to AITSL?

If you have already submitted a skills assessment to AITSL, your application will be assessed and finalised by AITSL. If you are found suitable, you will be issued a skills assessment certificate which will be recognised by the Department of Home Affairs for visa application purposes.

Are AITSL and ACECQA's assessment criteria the same?

Although very similar, there are some differences in the assessment criteria.

- Applications submitted to AITSL will be assessed in accordance with the criteria outlined in AITSL's ECT checklist [here](#).
- ACECQA's assessment criteria can be found [here](#).

Could you give me advice on whether to apply with AITSL or ACECQA?

No, you will need to determine whether to apply to AITSL or ACECQA. You can submit an application for an ECT skills assessment to AITSL until midnight of 6 December 2024. After this date, you will need to lodge an application with ACECQA.

Do I have to apply to AITSL for the ECT occupation?

No, you can wait until ACECQA is accepting applications. If you do apply to AITSL, your application will be assessed against AITSL's criteria and refunds may not be issued for a change of mind.

Can I withdraw my application with AITSL for a refund and submit a new application to ACECQA?

Yes. However, AITSL can only issue a partial refund (AUD 861) if the assessment of the application has not commenced. No refund will be issued if the assessment of the application has started.

To submit your application to ACECQA, please visit this [website](#).

I have received a suitable skills assessment outcome from AITSL. Is it still valid, or do I need an ACECQA assessment as well?

There is no need to have your skills assessment re-assessed by ACECQA if your AITSL outcome has not expired. An AITSL skills assessment certificate is valid for two years from the date of issue.

I have a suitable ECT assessment from AITSL, can I submit an application for a Skilled Employment Statement?

Yes. If you have received a suitable skills assessment outcome from AITSL and wish to obtain a Skilled Employment Statement, you can apply via the applicant portal until 6 December 2024.

For further information about this process, refer to our [Skilled Employment Statement webpage](#).