

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?

As of 7 December 2024, ACECQA has taken over the delivery of the skills assessments for the ECT occupation. If you require a new ECT skills assessment, you must now submit your application directly to ACECQA. AITSL no longer accepts ECT applications.

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 before 7 December 2024, will be assessed in accordance with the criteria outlined in AITSL's ECT checklist [here](#).
- ACECQA's assessment criteria can be found [here](#).

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 their [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?

As of 7 December 2024, AITSL no longer accepts new applications for skills assessments or requests for Skilled Employment Statements for the ECT occupation. For enquiries relating to the ECT occupation, please contact [ACECQA](#) directly.