

## FACT SHEET

### *Teachers Registration Amendment Bill 2016*

The *Teachers Registration Amendment Bill 2016* makes amendments to the *Teachers Registration Act 2000* (Principal Act) as a consequence of, and to assist with, the implementation of the *Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013* (the RWVP Act).

The Bill amends the Principal Act by:

- expressly allowing the Teachers Registration Board (TRB) to take into account whether applicants have been refused registration, or had their registration suspended or cancelled under the RWVP Act when determining whether a person is of good character or fit to teach, in relation to Division 4; and
- providing that the TRB must be satisfied that from 1 January 2017, all applicants/registrants under the Principal Act are registered under the RWVP Act to qualify for all categories of teacher registration.

The requirement for teachers to be registered under the RWVP Act commences on 1 January 2017. Due to applications opening on 1 May 2016, relevant information on any refused, suspended or cancelled registrations of registered teachers will be passed on to the TRB. This is in accordance with section 54B of the RWVP Act, which allows information relating to the registration of a person, including the result of a risk assessment, to be forwarded to a registering authority.

This amendment removes any ambiguity about whether the TRB can instigate an inquiry to refuse or remove a person's registration under the Principal Act, based on the information received in regard to the Working with Vulnerable People risk assessment or ongoing monitoring, before the requirement for the person to be registered under the RWVP Act commences on 1 January 2017.

This will remove any potential risk of a person gaining registration under the Teachers Registration Act when they have been refused registration under the RWVP Act, prior to the requirement to hold registration commencing in 2017.