

Plan to fix teacher shortages and stop the slide in school results

Announcement	Funding	Priority
3 May 2022		s 47C
The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP	\$152.2 million over	
The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP	2022-23 to 2025-26	

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Description

A package of changes will be made which together will 'stop the slide in student results and make sure Australian schools have the world's best teachers with a national drive to fix teacher shortages and attract our best and brightest to teaching'. The changes include:

- Measure a): 'Bursaries for talented students: up to 5,000 new students will receive a \$10,000 a year bursary throughout their teaching degree. Bursaries will be available to high school leavers who achieve an ATAR of 80 or above, First Nations students, and students from regional areas, with a top up payment of \$2,000 a year for students who do their placements in regional areas.'
- Measure b): 'Boost the High Achieving Teachers Program to support 1,500 qualified professionals in other fields – including mathematicians and scientists – to retrain as teachers through an employment-based pathway that will pay a part-time wage while they complete an intensive master's degree in education. The 1,500 extra places will include 700 new Teach for Australia teachers and 60 new teachers through LaTrobe University's Nexus Program.'
- Measure c): 'Work with States and Territories, through the next National School Reform Agreement, to make sure teachers have a better career path.'
- Measure d): Respond to the Quality Initial Teacher Education Review, 'including by expanding Quality Teaching Rounds and developing new micro-credentials of classroom management and phonics.'
- Measure e): Require students to pass the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students (LANTITE) as a pre-entry requirement, as 'it should be a prerequisite for starting a teaching degree that you can pass the LANTITE so that we're not wasting the time and money of the students going into these courses.'

Legislation

- Measure a): A new item in Schedule 1AB to the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997* will be required for the proposed bursaries.
- Measure d): A new item inserted into Schedule 1AB to the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997*, will be required to support the funding of QTR and micro-credentials.

Cost

Financial impact on underlying cash balance (\$ millions): -\$152.2				
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Total Impact on Underlying Cash Balance (\$ millions)	-17.2	-34.5	-47.3	-53.2

Source: Labor’s Plan for a Better Future. Better Budget, Better Economy.

Media and stakeholders

This commitment has received positive coverage from stakeholders. This may require early stakeholder engagement.

Summary of 2022 action

To be included in next economic update (Budget or MYEFO)	Requires new or amended legislation, regulation, or guideline	Requires inclusion in Education Ministers meeting	Requires inclusion in Skills Ministers meeting
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