

Initial Teacher Education Quality Assurance Oversight Board

18 September 2025

Communiqué

The Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Quality Assurance Oversight Board (the Board) met in Canberra on 18 September 2025 for its sixth meeting.

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 1 July 2025 Board meeting.

Members welcomed the incoming Chair, Ms Sharon Schimming, Director-General, Queensland Government Department of Education, received updates on progress against the 2024–25 workplan and discussed key developments across the Board's priority projects:

Monitoring Implementation of Core Content into ITE Courses

The Board noted that the majority of ITE providers remain on track to embed the mandatory core content by the 31 December 2025 deadline. The Board agreed to continue working with teacher regulatory authorities and ITE providers to ensure all providers are supported to meet the deadline.

Core Content Quality Assurance Methodology and Procurement

The Board received a presentation from the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO) on guidance and practical tools to support implementation of the core content quality assurance methodology. The Board agreed the methodology and guidance provided helpful consideration of the delivery approach for quality assurance, including information sharing arrangements.

The Board also noted the deployment of the student and graduate survey which will provide baseline data on perceived knowledge and confidence in applying the core content. This data will complement the quality assurance process commencing in 2026, with results expected in late 2025.

Cross-Institutional Moderation of Teaching Performance Assessments (TPAs)

The Board received an update on the cross-institutional moderation of TPAs from the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL). The Board noted the completion of Stage 1 of the national moderation project, which established a single scale of classroom readiness and that a standard-setting process to define a national benchmark will commence shortly.

ITE Indicators and Dashboard

The Board received an update from AITSL on the ITE Data Dashboard. The Board noted that the Dashboard design is complete and includes contextual information from providers, and that the data that will be used in the Dashboard is currently being finalised.

Streamlining Reporting Requirements

The Board noted that the revised Accreditation Standards and Procedures (ASPs) were approved by Education Ministers on 20 August 2025.

Stakeholder Engagement

The Board acknowledged the continued collaborative engagement with key stakeholders, including ACDE, ATRA, TRAs, and ITE providers. Recent engagement has focused on contextual data for the ITE data dashboard and providing updates on the core content quality assurance methodology.

Board's First Annual Report to Ministers and 2025-26 Planning

The Board discussed the submission of their first Annual Report to Ministers, due to the Australian Education Senior Officials Committee by 30 October 2025. The Board also considered the outlook for 2025-26 noting its shift from planning to delivery and implementation.

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