



Teaching and Learning Commission

Further work will be undertaken with the states and territories and other key education stakeholders on a viable pathway to establish a new Teaching and Learning Commission.

How will it work?

The Australian Government, in consultation with state and territory Education Ministers and other stakeholders, is exploring consolidating four separate agencies into a single Commission.

This would allow for greater co-ordination between curriculum, teaching, assessment, research, and reporting, with the whole being greater than the sum of its parts.

A new Teaching and Learning Commission would bring together the responsibilities of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO), and Education Services Australia (ESA).

Any decision on a new Teaching and Learning Commission would require the agreement of Education Ministers.

Why is it important?

On 17 October 2025, Education Ministers agreed in-principle to establish a new Teaching and Learning Commission.

A Teaching and Learning Commission would work to help all governments to implement the reforms and hit the targets agreed to through the Better and Fairer Schools Agreements.

Bringing together the responsibilities of four separate agencies under the one roof would also reduce duplication and improve coordination.

Who will benefit?

A consolidated Commission could offer a more cohesive and effective approach to supporting teachers, improving schooling quality, and boosting learning outcomes for children and young people.

By streamlining responsibilities and reducing duplication across bodies, a single Commission could support better, more coordinated decision-making and improved productivity across Australia's school system.

How much will it cost?

The Australian Government has committed \$5.6 million over 2 years from 2026-27 to undertake work on the proposal to establish a new Teaching and Learning Commission.