

Initial Teacher Education Quality Assurance Oversight Board

22 September 2026

Communiqué

The Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Quality Assurance Oversight Board (the Board) met virtually on 22 September 2026.

The Board's 2025-26 Annual Report and 2026-27 Strategic Workplan were agreed for consideration by Education Ministers in November 2026. Board members were also provided with an update on the ITE Data Dashboard and ITE Student Retention Survey.

Chair arrangements

The term of the current Chair, Ms Sharon Schimming will conclude on 25 September 2026. The Board's Deputy Chair, Emeritus Professor Bill Loudén AM, will assume the role of Interim Chair until the next Chair is appointed by Education Ministers.

Quality Assurance process for the implementation of Core Content into ITE Courses

Dandolo Partners International presented the findings of the first core content quality assurance cycle to the Board. The Board considered these and opportunities to refine the quality assurance process and approach for assessing core content increments going forward. The Board will prepare advice for Education Ministers' consideration. Interim Chair, Bill Loudén will present key outcomes of the 2026 core content quality assurance cycle to the Education Ministers Meeting on 2 November 2026, and the Board's proposed approach for core content quality assurance going forward. The Board will confirm the parameters for the 2027 quality assurance cycle following Education Ministers' consideration of the 2026 outcomes.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2026 (tbc).

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