

Quality Initial Teacher Education Review Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is [REDACTED] I have been enrolled into University ever since 2015 and I am currently still enrolled. The course that I am undertaking is a Bachelor of Primary Education, the main reason why I have not yet graduated is because of LANTITE. I am a fourth year student that has completed all of my units except for my final internship due to not passing one of the LANTITE tests. I have been held back, missed out on many teaching experiences/ opportunities and unfortunately turned a 4-year degree course into a further 6 or more years.

LANTITE was not introduced until after I enrolled into my course which makes it quite unfair to make it a compulsory requirement before graduation. As mentioned before I have successfully passed all of my literacy and numeracy units that are based on a University level. Therefore, to be tested and expected to pass these exams doesn't make any sense. An online examination should not determine whether I am capable of being a teacher or not, especially if it based on subjects that I have already been tested on during my time in University.

I have successfully completed 3 practical placements, I also received positive feedback from my mentor and classroom teachers. During my time in prac, I was able to demonstrate my teaching abilities whilst meeting all of the teaching standards. Every day I was being observed/ assessed on my teaching, how I create lesson plans and differentiating/catering my lessons for all of my students.

Preparing and constantly studying for these tests made my motivation to become a teacher a lot stronger. However, the build-up before receiving my results has made me very anxious, sad, worried and depressed. Due to constantly receiving the news that my “Standards was not achieved”. LANTITE has dropped a heavy weight on my shoulders for the past 6 years. It also created and embedded fear and worry into my mind. I have been stuck in the same position for almost 2 years due to LANTITE not allowing me to graduate.

I also recall that there has been an extreme shortage of teachers, many schools are in desperate need of teachers and I believe that reason is mainly based on university students who are in currently in my position. Addition to that, we also have COVID and we are constantly in and out of lockdowns. This heavily impacts on current teachers but also university preservice teachers.

Please consider abolishing LANTITE, as it will help assist schools across the country to gain successful and professional teachers.