



The Australasian Teacher Regulatory Authorities (ATRA) supports and welcomes the Ministerial Council's adoption of a new system for the accreditation of initial teacher education programs across Australia. Over the years ATRA has strongly advocated for a national accreditation system of teacher education programs and member States and Territories have contributed their comprehensive knowledge and experience in the development of the new system.

ATRA also welcomes the use of the national professional standards for teachers at the graduate teacher level in the accreditation process. These will form a strong foundation that will lead to improvement in the quality of initial teacher education programs and teachers graduating from them.

It is important to note that we are at the beginning of an historic process and much work remains to be done before the new system can be implemented nationally. ATRA looks forward to contributing to the key work to be undertaken to implement a system of program accreditation that will ensure consistently high standards for all Australian teacher graduates.

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The Australasian Teacher Regulatory Authorities (ATRA) is the incorporated association established by the teacher registration and accreditation authorities across Australia and New Zealand. Established to facilitate cooperation and collaboration across the Australian and New Zealand jurisdictions in the regulation of the teaching profession ATRA was formally recognised by the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) in May 2005.