

Question on Notice
No. 926
Asked on 23 August 2023

MR S BENNETT ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of Permission to Teach (PTT) registrations issued to unregistered teachers since January 1 2022 (reported separately by electorate)?

ANSWER:

Only approved teachers may undertake the duties of a teacher in a Queensland school (state or non-state). Approved teachers include registered teachers and persons approved to teach under Permission to Teach (PTT).

PTT approval is granted by the Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) under its legislation, with strict parameters that involve a robust assessment process and ongoing monitoring. Holders of a PTT are not registered teachers, but are approved people who have the knowledge, qualifications, skills or training to be reasonably considered relevant under the QCT's legislation.

An application for PTT is required when an employing authority or school has a vacant position, is unable to find an appropriate registered teacher for the position and wants to employ in the position a person who is not eligible for registration as a teacher. The employing authority or school must make an online declaration to the QCT about the position and details of the nominated person to be employed.

PTT does not replace standard recruitment activity to appoint a registered teacher in a role, but provides an avenue to seek approval to engage a suitable individual in a teaching role when all other efforts to appoint a registered teacher have been unsuccessful.

The number of people approved for a PTT registration broken down by State Electorate for Queensland state and non-state schools from 1 January 2022 to 30 August 2023 is at **Attachment 1**. The data reflects the number of people with approved registrations that commenced during this period. A person may have been approved for PTT across multiple years. A person may have also been approved for PTT at multiple schools (including state and non-state schools) and in different electorates during the requested timeframe.

PTT teachers engaged in Queensland state schools constitutes less than 1% of total teaching workforce employed in the 2022 and 2023 school years.

It is important to note that not all PTT for the period requested are still active. Some PTT teachers have ceased as they have gained formal teacher registration.

It should also be noted that these figures include PTT granted as part of the Department of Education's internship program Turn to Teaching, which has been initiated in the last two years and is aimed at increasing the pathway opportunities for people choosing to change careers to teaching in Queensland state schools.

ATTACHMENT 1**People Approved for Permission to Teach at Queensland state and non-state schools
by State Electorate – 1 January 2022 to 30 August 2023**

	2022	2023
Algeria	6	7
Aspley	4	1
Bancroft	3	17
Barron River	4	7
Bonney	2	1
Broadwater	1	0
Bulimba	1	3
Bundaberg	5	4
Bundamba	22	12
Burdekin	22	19
Burleigh	3	0
Burnett	8	2
Cairns	9	2
Callide	23	14
Caloundra	3	0
Capalaba	3	4
Chatsworth	1	0
Clayfield	2	5
Condamine	7	4
Cook	8	8
Coomera	5	4
Currumbin	2	1
Everton	6	6
Ferny Grove	3	1
Gaven	1	2
Gladstone	20	7
Glass House	1	0
Greenslopes	9	4
Gregory	27	18
Gympie	8	8
Hervey Bay	1	4
Hill	8	8
Hinchinbrook	15	9
Inala	10	6
Ipswich	8	4
Ipswich West	9	8
Jordan	12	18
Keppel	10	9
Kurwongbah	6	10
Lockyer	10	6
Logan	16	18
Lytton	5	5
Macalister	9	8
Mackay	42	29
Maiwar	3	9
Mansfield	8	1

Maryborough	13	7
McConnel	2	3
Mermaid Beach	1	0
Miller	2	3
Mirani	11	11
Moggill	1	0
Morayfield	18	10
Mount Ommaney	1	3
Mudgeeraba	7	4
Mulgrave	12	12
Mundingburra	9	10
Murrumba	10	8
Nanango	8	11
Nicklin	0	2
Noosa	1	0
Nudgee	4	0
Oodgeroo	2	1
Pine Rivers	7	4
Pumicestone	4	3
Redcliffe	12	1
Redlands	4	2
Rockhampton	30	24
Sandgate	5	3
Scenic Rim	8	8
South Brisbane	2	0
Southern Downs	11	17
Southport	9	24
Springwood	6	6
Stafford	2	2
Stretton	7	8
Thuringowa	19	26
Toohey	2	2
Toowoomba North	14	17
Toowoomba South	13	9
Townsville	15	15
Traeger	30	31
Warrego	19	15
Waterford	5	6
Whitsunday	17	8
Woodridge	14	10

The total in 2022, 461 state schools and 287 non-state schools.

Total in 2023, 419 state schools and 220 non-state schools.