

There's nothing casual about teaching

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Renewing your Working With Children Check

For those casual teachers who received a Working With Children Check (WWCC) in 2013, the process for renewals began from June 2018. You are only able to commence the renewal process once you receive the reminder notification from the Office of the Children's Guardian, three months before your WWCC expiry date.

As a current WWCC is a requirement to teach in NSW, it is important that casual teachers do not let it lapse.

Your WWCC number is like your driver's licence number, it remains with you. When you renew your WWCC, the number will then become valid for the next five years.

Before renewing your WWCC it is important to update your contact details at <https://wwccheck.cyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/ChangeOfDetails>.

To commence the renewal process you should firstly complete the online application at <https://wwccheck.cyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/renewal>.

To complete the renewal process, you must visit a Service NSW Service Centre, a NSW Motor Registry, or a NSW Council Agency offering Roads and Maritime Services to verify your identity and pay the WWCC \$80 application fee.

This must be completed before the WWCC expiry date.

Once the renewal process is completed, the Office of the Children's Guardian will send you an email confirming the new expiry date of your WWCC clearance.

Once you obtain confirmation that your new WWCC clearance has been issued, you must provide the WWCC to the Department. You do this by submitting the WWCC through the Employee Self Service (ESS) portal or, if you are unable to access the portal, you should email the WWCC to wwcc@det.nsw.edu.au and staff from the probity unit will update the clearance for you.

You must also provide your current WWCC to NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) so that your eligibility for accreditation to teach can be determined. You can lodge your WWCC via your teacher accreditation (eTAMs) account or, if the system is still unavailable, by email to WWCC@nesa.nsw.edu.au.

The Department will expect you to renew your WWCC clearance even if you are on approved leave. Depending on the nature of the leave, there will be some specific circumstances where alternate arrangements are made.



Teachers should contact the probity unit on (02) 9836 9205 or wwcc@det.nsw.edu.au to ascertain whether they need to renew their WWCC.

Casual.Direct

On 5 June, 2018, principals received correspondence that Casual.Direct would be replaced with ClassCover from the beginning of term 3, 2018.

The procurement process was undertaken without consultation with Federation, in fact, the letter to principals states:

“To ensure the selected platform met your needs, the procurement process included consultations with members of the NSW SPC and NSW PPA in steering committees and working groups with current principals.”

Federation will continue to pursue the Department over concerns about how the information of a change of provider for casual teachers was delivered to the casual teaching workforce.

Casual teachers who wish to be employed through ClassCover will need to register their details with the company.

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