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Teacher Accreditation Amendment Bill 2021

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Proposed amendments

- No. 1 **Certain information to be disclosed to person being assessed for suitability to teach**
Page 5, Schedule 1[8], proposed section 7. Insert after line 2—
 (1A) The Authority must disclose information obtained from an organisation referred to in subsection (1)(d) to the person the subject of the assessment of suitability.
- No. 2 **Clarify grounds for revocation or suspension of accreditation while accreditation on hold**
Page 8, Schedule 1[18], proposed section 24D(3A)(b), line 17. Insert “under section 24 or 24A” after “accreditation”.
- No. 3 **Clarify grounds for refusal of accreditation application**
Page 9, Schedule 1[25], proposed section 32, line 14. Insert “on a ground on which the Authority may revoke or suspend an accreditation under section 24 or 24A” after “level”.
- No. 4 **Authority may reject application not properly completed**
Page 9, Schedule 1[25], proposed section 32. Insert after line 14—
 (2A) The Authority may reject an application to accredit a person at proficient teacher level if the person does not complete the application in accordance with section 22.
- No. 5 **Restriction on Authority’s requirement for an individual to undergo a health assessment**
Page 10, Schedule 1[27], proposed section 37. Insert after line 23—
 (1A) The Authority may only require an individual to undergo a health assessment if, in the opinion of the Authority—
 (a) a relevant complaint alleges the individual’s suitability to teach may be affected by a medical condition, or
 (b) the individual’s criminal or disciplinary history indicates the individual’s suitability to teach may be affected by a medical condition, or
 (c) information provided in the individual’s application for accreditation indicates the individual has a medical condition that may impact the individual’s suitability to teach.

Page 11, Schedule 1[27], proposed section 38A. Insert after line 18—

- (2A) In forming an opinion about whether an individual is a fit and proper person to teach, the Authority must consider the following—
 - (a) whether a relevant associate of the individual reasonably suspects the individual may engage in improper conduct in carrying out the person's vocational duties,
 - (b) whether the individual has provided false or misleading information,
 - (c) whether the individual's accreditation has been revoked or suspended by the Authority or by an equivalent entity in another jurisdiction, including outside Australia.
- (2B) In forming an opinion about whether an individual is a fit and proper person to teach based on particular conduct of the individual (the *relevant conduct*), the Authority may consider the following—
 - (a) whether the relevant conduct is relevant to the exercise of the individual's vocational duties,
 - (b) whether proceedings relating to the relevant conduct are prevented from being instituted by a statute of limitations,
 - (c) whether the relevant conduct happened only once and is unlikely to happen again,
 - (d) whether the relevant conduct is of a minor nature,
 - (e) whether the individual's overall conduct demonstrates the individual is highly unlikely to further engage in the relevant conduct.
- (2C) In this section—*relevant associate* of an individual includes the following—
 - (a) another person employed at the same school or centre as the individual,
 - (b) the parent or guardian of a child attending the school or centre at which the individual is employed,
 - (c) a member of the public who knows the individual.