

# RE Accreditation Framework

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The purpose of the Religious Education Accreditation Framework is to allow schools, colleges, and the Catholic Education Office community to respond fully to the Archbishop's invitation and authorisation to work, teach and exercise leadership in Catholic Education. In essence, the Archbishop mandates staff in Catholic Education to proclaim the Gospel message within the Catholic tradition in Christ's name. Hence, accreditation is required for all those who work, teach or lead in Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Registration in each course should be completed through the CE's ESS site:

<https://ess.cg.catholic.edu.au/empower>

### Category A: Accreditation to Work in a Catholic School.

This Accreditation is only required by Support Staff, both part-time and full-time, who have direct and immediate contact with students, parents and teaching staff participate in a one-day (or equivalent) Orientation Program. The course involves of a three hour introduction to Catholicism and the history of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, presented by a member of the CE RE Team, followed by a presentation by the Principal of the individual's school, outlining the particular charism and history of the School.

**Currency:** 15 hours of formation over a period of five years is required to maintain ongoing Accreditation.

Category A Accreditation and currency requirements are tracked at each school via MyPaD.

### Category B: Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School.


All newly appointed permanent teachers, both part-time and full-time, participate in *The Mustard Seed Program*; a two module teacher formation course, held over two twilight presentations. Completion of this program meets the Accreditation requirements to teach in a Catholic School.

**Currency:** All teachers are expected to attend a minimum of 30 hours of formation over a period of five years to maintain their ongoing Accreditation.

### Category C: Accreditation For Leadership in Catholic Education.

All Leaders at Category C level will have the necessary qualifications, background knowledge and a professional commitment to the Vision and Mission of Catholic Education. Leaders, who have not completed EDRE642 as part of their postgraduate studies, must complete the equivalent of a four-day (4 x 6hr) program of formation in the *'Foundations of Catholic Religious Leadership'* course prior to their appointment or within the first four years of their appointment.

**Currency:** All leaders at Category C Level to attend a minimum of 45 hours of formation over a period of five years to maintain their ongoing accreditation.



## Category D: Accreditation to Teach Religious Education.

All teachers of Religious Education are Catholic and demonstrate an ongoing commitment to their own faith journey, the Catholic faith community, the Catholic Tradition and the teachings of the Catholic Church in the area of faith and values along with regular participation in Sunday Eucharist and, more generally, in the life of the parish. Teachers of Religious Education possess a formal teaching qualification and have the necessary background knowledge and a professional commitment to the Vision and Mission of Catholic Education.

In order to be accredited as a teacher of Religious Education, teachers must complete:

- Undergraduate studies that include a minimum of six approved units in Religious Education/Theology at a Catholic tertiary institution

OR

- A minimum of four postgraduate units of study in Religious Education /Theology at a Catholic tertiary institution, for example, the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education through ACU or a post Graduate Certificate in Education (RE) through ACU

**Currency:** Teachers of Religious Education are expected to attend a minimum of 45 hours of formation over a period of five years to maintain their ongoing accreditation.

## Category E: Accreditation for Senior Leadership in Catholic Education.

To be eligible for senior leadership positions employees are accredited with:

- Category B
- Category C
- Category D

In addition, senior leaders will complete a minimum of four units of postgraduate study in Religious Education or Theology.

Category E accreditation requirements apply to:

- Director of Catholic Education
- Deputy Director
- Heads of Religious Education and Curriculum Services; School Services
- Catholic Identity and Religious Education Team Members
- Principals, Assistant Principals, Religious Education Coordinators, Campus Heads.

**Currency:** All Senior Leaders attend a minimum of 75 hours of formation over a period of five years to maintain their ongoing accreditation.