

Applying for a Letter of Professional Standing

If you are a NSW teacher and would like to work overseas you may need to provide a Letter of Professional Standing (LOPS)

What is a LOPS?

A LOPS is a letter addressed to a teacher regulatory authority that confirms:

- your NSW teacher accreditation status
- you are a qualified teacher and may list the subjects or stages that you are recognised to teach.

Requesting a LOPS

All requests for provision of a LOPS must be via email to lops@nesa.nsw.edu.au. In the email you will need to provide the following information:

- full name and NESA Number
- name/s and email/s of the jurisdiction/s in which you would like to teach (if this is Canada you will also need to provide the name and email for the relevant Province)
- if you are applying through WES – your Reference Number
- confirmation of consent. Please use these words in the email “I give consent to NESA to provide a Letter of Professional Standing to the agency/agencies I have nominated in this email.”

Before you request a LOPS please ensure you are aware of the requirements of the authority in the country where you wish to register to teach.

Meeting LOPS requirements

NESA can provide a LOPS for current or formerly registered teachers in NSW, excluding anyone subject to any restriction that could prevent them from teaching.

Provision of a LOPS

NESA will prepare your LOPS and email it to the authority/authorities indicated in your request. If the authority has a portal for provision of LOPS we will upload the LOPS to that portal. We will then email you to confirm the LOPS has been sent and the information that we provided.

Authorities where NESA regularly provides LOPS

CANADA

British Columbia -

trb.certification@gov.bc.ca

Manitoba - certification@gov.mb.ca

Alberta - teacher.certification@gov.ab.ca

Ontario (NESA will upload your LOPS to their portal) - info@oct.ca

Newfoundland/Labrador -

teachercertification@gov.nl.ca

If you are applying through WES we can upload your LOPS but you will need to tell us your Reference Number.

UNITED KINGDOM

Professional Recognition

Department for Education

Professional.Recognition@education.gov.uk

Contact

lops@nesa.nsw.edu.au