

An Chomhairle
Mhúinteoireachta
The Teaching Council



Insights Report

1 January - 30 June 2025



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Who we are

Our Role

The Teaching Council is the regulator of the teaching profession in Ireland. Our role is to protect the public by promoting and regulating professional standards in teaching.

We do this through the statutory registration of teachers, ensuring a highly qualified teaching profession, whose members meet and uphold high standards of professional competence and conduct.

We act in the interest of the public, upholding and enhancing standards in the teaching profession.

Effective regulation is vital for safeguarding the public interest, maintaining high quality standards and ensuring trust in the teaching profession.

Public importance of our work

Our primary functions include:



Maintaining a register of qualified and vetted teachers in Ireland.



Establishing and upholding high standards for teachers in Ireland.



Ensuring the quality of initial teacher education programmes provided by the higher education institutions in Ireland.



Establishing standards to guide and support induction processes that are required on a statutory basis, and promoting lifelong learning for registered teachers.



Commissioning and conducting research, using data and evidence to inform decision making and policy development.

A Snapshot

1 January - 30 June 2025



126,848

teachers registered with the Teaching Council.



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Fitness to Teach Inquiry was completed and 5 other Fitness to Teach Inquiries commenced.



11,845

teachers were vetted.



3

programmes (methodologies) accredited across 2 HEIs under Céim: Standards for Initial Teacher Education.



2024-2026

The Teaching Council continue to implement its Climate Action Roadmap 2024 - 2026.



22

presentations were delivered to final year student teachers across the HEIs about Droichead and the role of the Teaching Council.



Strategic Goal One: Teacher Registration and Supply

Goal: Ensure a sufficient supply of registered and vetted teachers to meet the identified needs of the school system, including diversity, in collaboration with stakeholders, the Department of Education and Youth, and the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.

2,534

new registrants were added to the register.

3

programmes (methodologies) accredited across 2 HEIs under Céim: Standards for Initial Teacher Education.

320

of the overall number of new registrants qualified outside of Ireland. The average processing timeline was six weeks from receipt of a complete application.

11,845

teachers were vetted.

60,699

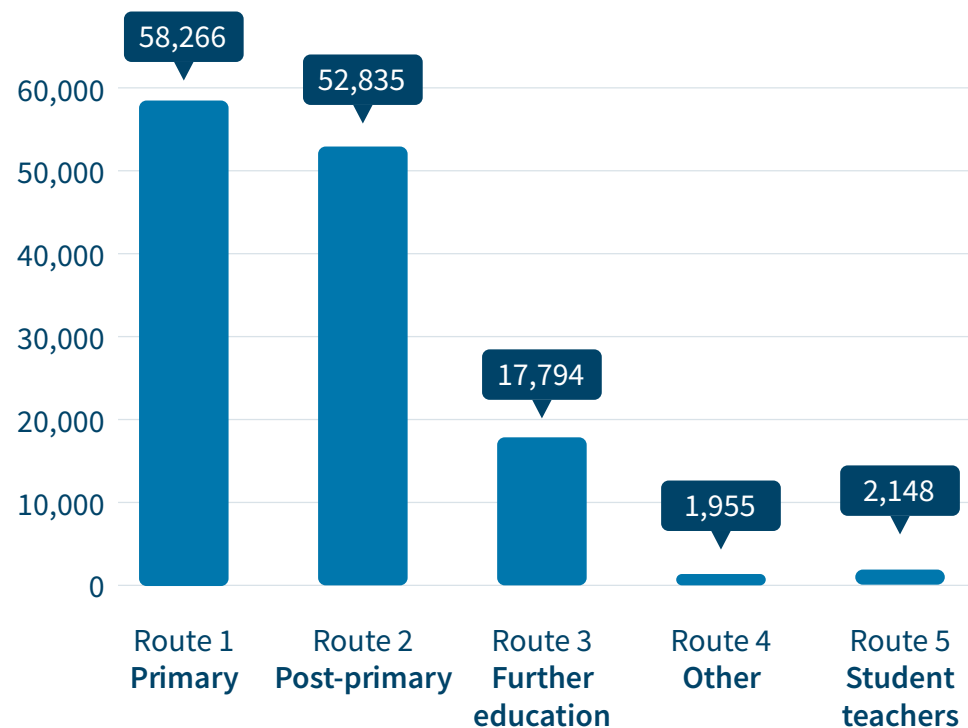
teachers renewed their registration with an average processing time of 3 minutes.

2,282

teachers lapsed/removed from the Register.

Register of Teachers

126,848 teachers registered as of 30 June 2025



Note: teachers may be registered in more than one Route.

Strategic Goal Two: **Collaborative professional communities for sustainability**

Goal: Provide practical frameworks and supports for collaborative professional communities with a particular focus on inclusion, joy and creativity in quality teaching and learning.



Bursaries totalling €100,000 were paid to 27 schools under the Féilte Bursary Scheme to promote collaborative professional learning. A total of 98 schools collaborated across the Republic of Ireland in innovative and creative projects. Schools also submitted digital assets to showcase their professional learning.



20

career fairs were attended across the island of Ireland.



4

meetings were held with the Migrant Teacher Project to support migrant teachers in the Irish education system.



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presentations were delivered to final year student teachers across the HEIs about Droichead and the role of the Teaching Council.

Strategic Goal Three: Fitness to Teach

Goal: Continue to ensure that fitness to teach processes are fair, appropriate and effective in the interests of the public and the profession.



44



complaints received from January - June 2025.

4



complaints referred to Inquiry.*

*The 4 complaints referred to inquiry may not relate to the 44 complaints received. The 4 referred to inquiry may have been received in a previous year.



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Fitness to Teach Inquiry completed and 5 other Fitness to Teach Inquiries commenced in the first six months of 2025.



These amounted to **14** hearing days.

Strategic Goal Four:

Corporate resourcing Sustainable ways of working

Goal: Maintain and enhance the Teaching Council's flexible, collaborative and innovative organisational culture that supports shared learning and responsiveness to regulatory requirements and national priorities.



The Teaching Council continued to implement the Climate Action Roadmap 2024 - 2026.



Sanctioned recruitment is ongoing in line with the organisational design review and workforce plan.



A technical upgrade of the English and Irish versions of the My Registration portal was completed in May 2025.



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