

THE MEANS OF ACCREDITATION TO TEACH RE IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CATEGORY 1

They are **primary or secondary school teachers who have successfully completed** an approved formal course and its assessment. **This course should include a foundational unit in the Church's history and teaching and units in Biblical Studies, Sacramental theology and Religious Education method and practice.**

Course are approved by the agreement of the Diocesan Directors of Catholic Education according to the above criteria.

An applicant for Accreditation to teach Religious Education in a Catholic School must provide satisfactory evidence of practical experience of the teaching of Religious Education in a classroom setting.

OR

CATEGORY 2

They are **primary school teachers who have been teaching Religious Education in Catholic Schools in Australia before 1st January 1977** and have regularly participated in approved Religious Education inservices during their teaching years **and** their principal recommends their application for Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic school.

OR

CATEGORY 3

Primary school teachers who, during the period 1977–1989, were awarded a certificate of Accreditation to teach in a Catholic primary school from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria are accredited to teach Religious Education in a Catholic school.

OR

CATEGORY 4

They are **secondary school teachers** who have been **accredited to teach in Catholic Schools or have been teaching in Catholic schools before 1st January 1977**, **and** have been teaching Religious Education in Catholic schools in Australia prior to 1983, **and** have regularly participated in approved Religious Education inservices during their teaching years **and** their principal recommends their application for Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic school.

OR

CATEGORY 5

At the discretion of the Diocesan Director of Catholic Education.

For example, overseas or interstate teachers who have undertaken appropriate studies in Theology or studies in Religious Education.

OR

EXEMPTION

Primary school teachers who have been teaching Religious Education in Catholic schools in Australia before 1st January, 1977 are exempt from the requirements of Accreditation to Teach Religious Education.