

An Chomhairle
Mhúinteoireachta
The Teaching Council



Insights Report

1 January - 30 June 2024



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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 2024



122,528

teachers registered with the Teaching Council.



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Fitness to Teach Inquiries were completed which amounted to 17 hearing days.



14,118

teachers were vetted.



8

programmes accredited across 4 HEIs under Céim: Standards for Initial Teacher Education.



2024-2026

The Teaching Council published its Climate Action Roadmap 2024 - 2026.



19

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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 the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.

2,823

new registrants were added to the register.

8

programmes accredited across 4 HEIs under Céim: Standards for Initial Teacher Education.

496

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

14,118

teachers were vetted.

60,037

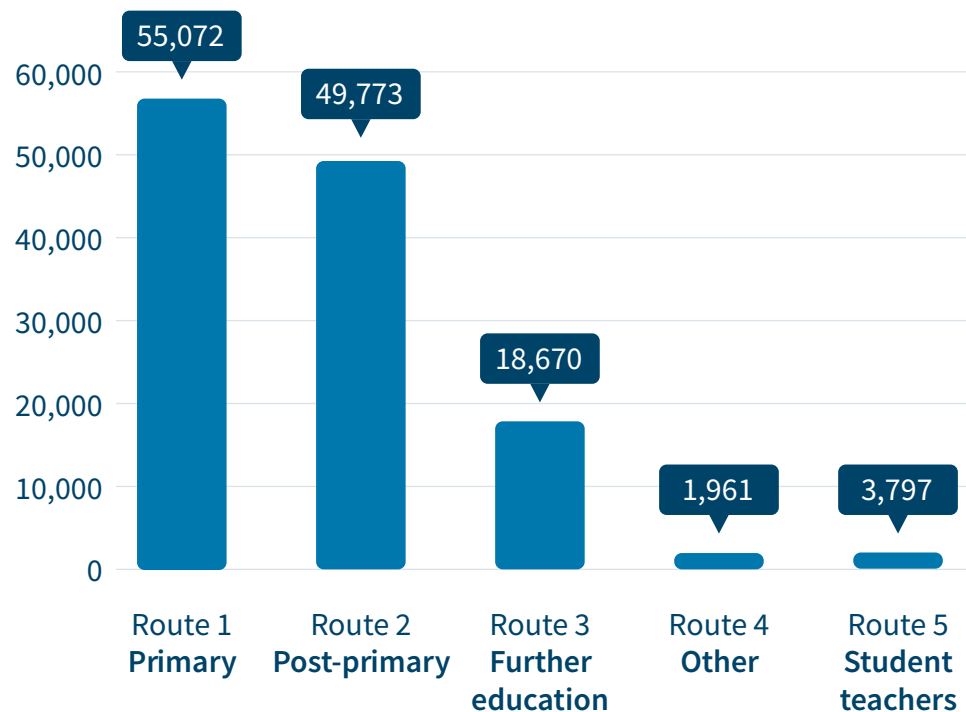
teachers renewed their registration with an average processing time of 3 minutes.

2,046

teachers lapsed/removed from the Register.

Register of Teachers

122,528 teachers registered as of 4 June 2024



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

Strategic Goal Two: 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.



31



complaints received from
January - June 2024.

5



complaints referred
to Inquiry.*

*The 5 complaints referred to inquiry may not relate to the 31. The 5 complaints may have been received in a previous year.



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Fitness to Teach Inquiries
completed in the first six
months of 2024.



These amounted to
17 hearing days.

Strategic Goal Three: **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.



In June, the Féilte Bursary Scheme was in the final stages of preparation. The Council worked on a proposal to open a bursary scheme valued at €100,000 to support a culture of professional collaboration and knowledge sharing amongst teachers and schools. The scheme will also help promote teaching as a profession.



19

career fairs were attended across the island of Ireland.



6

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



The Strategy for Evidence-Informed Decision Making, Policy, and Practice 2024-2026 was published.



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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 published the Climate Action Roadmap 2024 - 2026.



An organisational design review was completed and a workforce plan with sanctioned recruitment was commenced.



The Teaching Council's Code of Practice was updated.



The Teaching Council elections took place from 22 February to 12 March 2024. There was a 12.6% voting turnout. 16 members were elected to Council.



Significant progress was made in the development of a bilingual My Registration portal. Teachers can now renew their registration fully online through English or Gaeilge. Further enhancements are planned for the My Registration portal later this year.



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