

# Insights Report

1 July - 31 December 2024

An Chomhairle  
Mhúinteoireachta  
The Teaching Council



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# Who we are

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## 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 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 July - 31 December 2024



**126,317**

teachers registered with the Teaching Council, as of 31 December 2024.



**20**

Fitness to Teach complaints received.



**12,344**

teachers were vetted.



**84**

applications received under the Féilte Bursary Scheme.



**58,636**

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



**6**

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

# 6,778

new registrants were added to the register.

# 12,344

teachers were vetted.

# 664

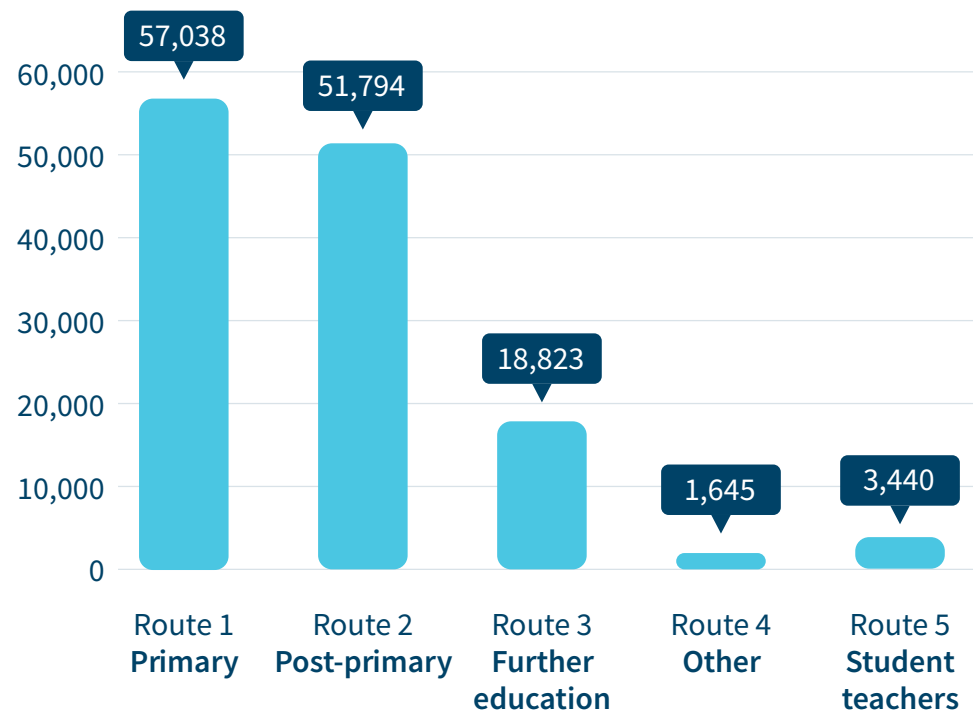
almost 10% of new registrants qualified outside of the Republic of Ireland. The average processing time for this group was eight weeks from receipt of a complete application.

# 1,039

teachers lapsed/removed from the Register.

### Register of Teachers

126,317 teachers registered as of 31 December 2024



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.



The Féilte Bursary Scheme launched on 23 October. The application process closed on 6 December, with 84 applications received. External independent adjudicators were appointed to evaluate the applications, with bursaries to be awarded in bands of €2,000, €3,000 and €5,000 to support schools to engage in collaborative professional learning.



14

career fairs were attended across the island of Ireland.



3

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



6

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.

20



complaints received from  
July - December 2024.

7



complaints referred  
to Inquiry.\*

\*The 7 complaints referred to inquiry may not relate to the 20. The 7 complaints may have been received in the first half of the year, or in a previous year.



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Fitness to Teach Inquiry was completed, and four Preliminary Hearings were held in the final six months of 2024.



6

hearing days were held.



## 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 its Customer Service Action Plan.



Recruitment processes for new senior management positions commenced. This followed from an Organisational Design Review which was completed in 2024.



New volunteering policy agreed.



Continued progression of recommendations arising from Periodic Critical Review.

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