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Circular to principals of Catholic schools in Victoria

Updated accreditation standards for staff in Victorian Catholic schools

Main Points

- The Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA) has updated accreditation standards for staff in Victorian Catholic schools, in consultation with Catholic school proprietors.
- The *Accreditation standards for staff in Victorian Catholic schools* are intended to ensure that staff who hold key positions in Victorian Catholic schools develop the knowledge and skills to support authentic witness. They are minimum statewide standards, which Catholic school proprietors may add to.
- The updates to the standards focus on providing greater clarity over requirements, and roles and responsibilities.
- They also expand the set of creditable activities.
- It should be noted, however, there is no change to the staff required to fulfil the standards, or the hours of creditable professional learning required under level 1 and level 2 accreditation.
- The updated standards apply with immediate effect, in place of the previous standards (known as *Accreditation to Teach and to Teach Religious Education or Lead in Catholic Schools in Victoria*).
- VCEA has also developed and updated help guides to support the accreditation standards.
- A power point outlining the new policy is also available to share with staff.
- The updated standards and support documentation is available on CEVN under [Accreditation](#).
- School leaders are requested to share this information within their schools.

Actions Required

- School leaders are asked to share the updated accreditation standards (*Accreditation standards for staff in Victorian Catholic schools*) with school staff.
- The updated standards and support documents is available [on CEVN](#).
- School leaders are asked to download report 2 from TAP to identify staff that need assistance in meeting the requirements of the policy.

Contact/Enquiries

- For any enquiries (including RI/MPJP Schools), please contact the relevant diocesan representative:
 - Melbourne: accreditationenquiries@macs.vic.edu.au
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