



COVID-19

Member Update

Casual Relief Teachers - 21 April

I hope you are staying safe and well. We know that this is a really tough time for CRTs, as it is for so many casual workers. Here are some key pointers to help you navigate Term 2:

- If you've been doing regular work in particular non-government schools, make regular contact with them to let them know that you are keen for work. The CECV has specifically advised all Victorian Catholic schools to consider employing CRTs to help cover safe supervision classes, and many independent schools have also indicated that they are likely to be looking for CRT shifts.
- If you undertook regular CRT work in government schools last year (or in Term 1 if you're in your first year of teaching), then you may have a claim under current Department of Education policy to be given work this term or a compensation payment in lieu of work. Contact the government school/s you've undertaken work in to ask about this – get back to us if you do not receive a satisfactory response.
- If you've been on the books of a CRT agency for more than 12 months, it's likely that you are eligible for the new JobKeeper payment. Speak to your agency directly about this and contact us if the response is unclear or unsatisfactory.
- We also advise all CRTs to [register for the JobSeeker payment](#). Registering will not prevent you from taking on any work, and if you are eligible the payment is equivalent to around 3 days of CRT work per fortnight. [Click here for our guide to JobKeeper and JobSeeker payments and eligibility criteria](#).
- We know also that a downturn in work may lead to some CRTs struggling to meet current Victorian Institute of Teaching registration renewal requirements, and that those with provisional registration may face new hurdles in moving to full registration. We've

discussed this with the Chief Executive Officer of VIT CEO and have received a commitment that no teacher's registration will be jeopardised by the crisis. We've been assured that VIT will issue advice about this on their website in coming days.

- It's especially important in these times to stay connected and keep up to date with your professional development. We'll shortly be launching a new PD hub which will feature a wide range of live and on-demand webinars – some of these sessions are [currently listed here](#). The Teacher Learning Network (jointly owned by the IEU and AEU) also offers an [extensive program of free professional development for CRTs](#).

We've been advocating for you with Federal and State governments as well as with employers. To help us continue to do so, we want to ensure we understand your situation - so I encourage you to reply to this email to outline your experiences seeking work and dealing with employers and agencies over the first few days of Term 2.

**If you need assistance, advice or support, do not hesitate to contact us:
email info@ieuvictas.org.au or send a text message to 0480 092 251.**

In unity

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General Secretary