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**ACT TEACHER QUALITY INSTITUTE AMENDMENT REGULATION 2011
(No 1)**

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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ACT Teacher Quality Institute Amendment Regulation 2011 (No 1)

Outline

The *ACT Teacher Quality Institute Act 2010* (***the Act***) provides for the establishment of the Teacher Quality Institute, a statutory authority with responsibility for teacher registration, accreditation of pre-service teacher education programs, and certification of teachers against national standards.

The establishment of the Institute brings the ACT into line with other jurisdictions and enables the Territory to incorporate national consistency in the way teachers are registered, the quality of pre-service education received by prospective teachers, and the standard of skills and knowledge applied by teachers in the classroom and school leaders.

The *ACT Teacher Quality Institute Regulation 2010* (***the Regulation***) contains the administrative requirements for the effective operation of the Act.

Part 4 of the Regulation currently describes and provides for the transitional arrangement put in place for teachers currently employed in the ACT.

Section 153 of the Act provides that a regulation may modify part 15 of the Act to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in the chapter.

This regulation amends the principal regulation to include a provision that modifies part 15 of the Act by inserting a new section 151B. This amendment means that persons employed or engaged to teach in the ACT since 1 January 2011 are included in the transitional provisions.

DETAILS

Section 1 – Name of regulation

This section provides that the name of the Regulation is the *ACT Teacher Quality Institute Amendment Regulation 2011 (No 1)*.

Section 2 – Commencement

This regulation provides that the Amendment Regulation commences on the day after it is notified on the ACT Legislation Register.

Section 3 – Legislation amended

This regulation states that the Regulation amends the *ACT Teacher Quality Institute Regulation 2010*.

Section 4 – new section 23

New section 23 (Modification of Act, pt 15 – Act, s 153 (2)) states that the Act, part 15 applies as if section 151B (as set out in new section 23) were inserted in that part. The purpose of section 151B is to extend the transitional provisions to include teachers who have been employed or engaged to teach in the ACT since 1 January 2011. The effect of the transitional provisions is that teachers who were engaged or employed on or after the commencement of the Act are taken to be approved to teach from the date they were employed or engaged until the date they are registered under the Act, or 31 October 2011 (or a later date allowed by the institute) whichever occurs first. Section 151B contains an expiry provision that has the effect of expiring section 151B at the same time as the Act, part 15 expires.