ETSB and ETAR 2020 applicants, supervisors and principals

Dear Experienced Teacher applicants, principals and supervisors

The ISTAA Council held an extraordinary meeting on Monday 6th April 2020, to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on teachers applying for Experienced Teacher accreditation through the Standards-based and Action Research pathway. The following decisions were made:

1. The evidence collection period for 2020 applicants will be extended to 11th December 2020.
2. The assessment panel for 2020 applicants will be held in April 2021 non-term time.
   Applicants who are required to submit additional evidence will be given two weeks after the release of the results to teachers.
3. Teachers may defer their application to the Experienced Teacher Standards-based pathway 2021. ISTAA must be notified by Friday 8th May 2020. Teachers deferring their application to 2021 will need to provide evidence collected in the evidence collection period which is Monday 27th April 2020 to Friday 3rd September 2021.

Further information

Lesson observations

1. ISTAA will provide information in term 2 to supervisors about conducting lesson observations when the applicant is teaching remotely.
2. As communicated previously, for schools where students are not participating in face-to-face classes, applicants may submit their digital portfolio by the 11th December 2020 and include the ISTAA template attached (Delay of Testimonial form). The template is to be uploaded in place of the Testimonial. Teachers will select the Testimonial as the type of evidence from the drop-down menu when uploading the document.
3. Once face-to-face lessons resume, the testimonial will need to be completed. If this happens before the 11th December 2020, the applicant will replace the ISTAA template with the Testimonial.
4. If face-to-face lessons do not resume until after the 11th December 2020, applicants must email their testimonial to tgibbons@aisnsw.edu.au by 1st April 2021. The Testimonial will be assessed with the other evidence during the assessment panel.

Experienced Teacher Standards-based pathway 2021

Applications are now open for Experienced Teacher 2021 and close on Friday 21st August 2020. The only pathway available in 2021 is the Standards-based pathway. There is no change to this accreditation process, the scheduled courses or the assessment panel.