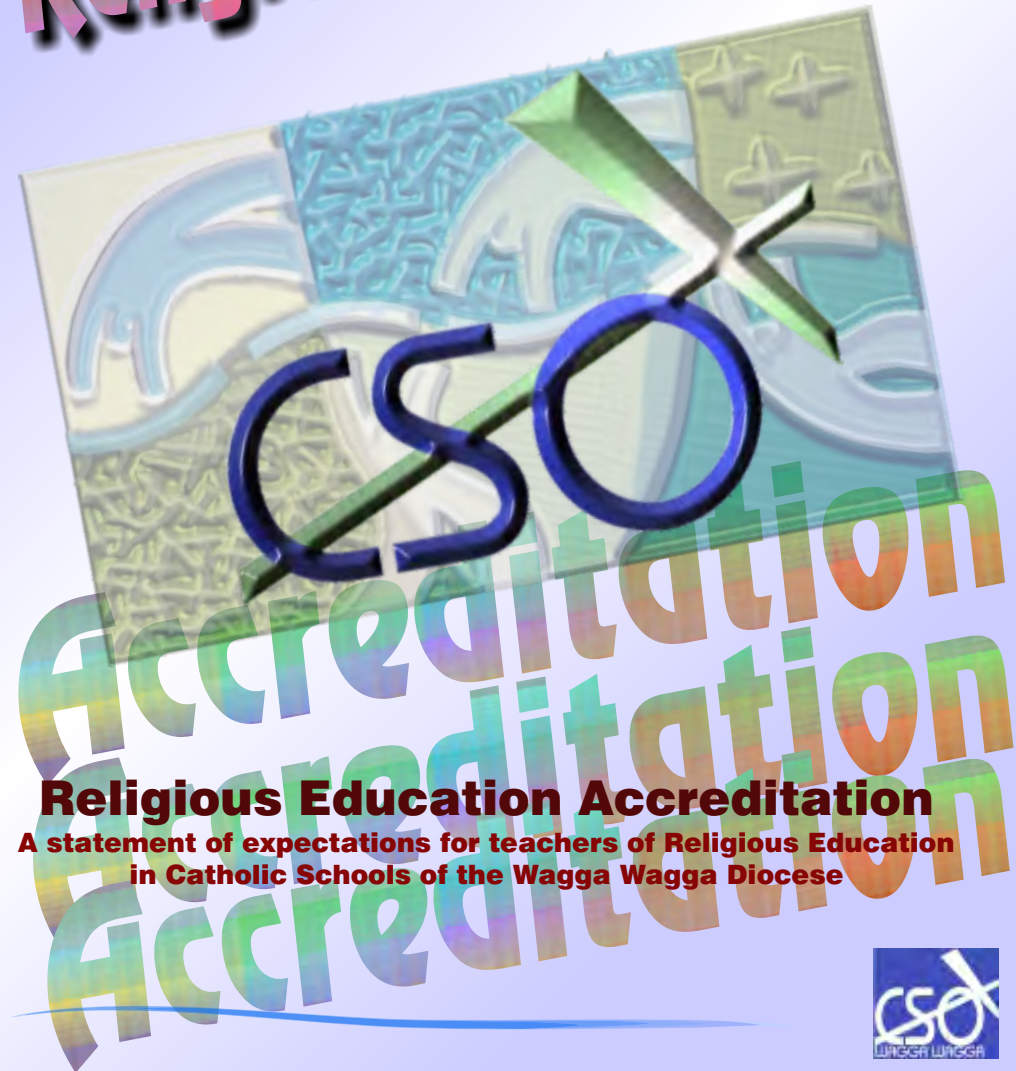




Accreditation is a requirement of all dioceses in New South Wales and most dioceses in Australia. This requirement aims to ensure that those teaching Religious Education have the knowledge to teach the subject well.

# Accreditation to Teach Religious Education



**Religious Education Accreditation**  
A statement of expectations for teachers of Religious Education  
in Catholic Schools of the Wagga Wagga Diocese



# Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga

**T**eachers of Religious Education, Principals and Assistant Principals, in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga must be accredited to teach Religious Education by the Wagga Wagga Catholic Schools Office (CSO). Teachers of RE are normally expected to be baptised Catholics. Teachers employed without Accreditation to Teach RE must agree to begin study within three years to gain Accreditation to Teach RE and complete their studies within six years of their initial employment.

Courses of study must include the subjects of Theology, Scripture, Liturgy and Religious Education.

There are a number of ways, outlined in the three options, for teachers to gain this accreditation.

## **Application Information**

All teachers of RE in Wagga Wagga Diocese must make application for Accreditation to Teach RE, even if they have gained it in another Diocese.

Application forms are available from the Catholic Schools Office or may be downloaded from the website: [www.csoww.catholic.edu.au](http://www.csoww.catholic.edu.au) then go to the Faith section.

## **Option One Previous Study**

Teachers who have successfully completed studies in Theology, Scripture, Liturgy and Religious Education during their pre-service studies may apply to have these studies recognised.

## **Option Two Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies**

- Wagga Wagga Catholic Schools Office offers a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies. Lecturers from the Broken Bay Institute come to Wagga each semester to deliver this course. One unit is offered each semester over two years. This course is registered with the University of Newcastle and equates to half a Masters degree.
- Other approved Graduate Certificate courses would include Grad Cert Religious Education from Australian Catholic University. Seek approval from Wagga CSO before picking subjects.
- Higher post graduate studies (Grad Dip, Bachelor, Masters) would, of course, be accepted.
- A Graduate Certificate is recognised by all other NSW dioceses and will be the benchmark within a couple of years

## **Option Three Special Consideration**

In exceptional circumstances teachers may apply for special consideration, based on length of service and years teaching Religious Education. This option is usually only available to teachers who were employed to work in Catholic schools prior to 1997.

**For more information and enrolment forms please contact the Catholic Schools Office:  
email: [office@csoww.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@csoww.catholic.edu.au)  
or phone (02) 6937 0000.**



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