

TRB Trades Certificate

BC Technology Education Association

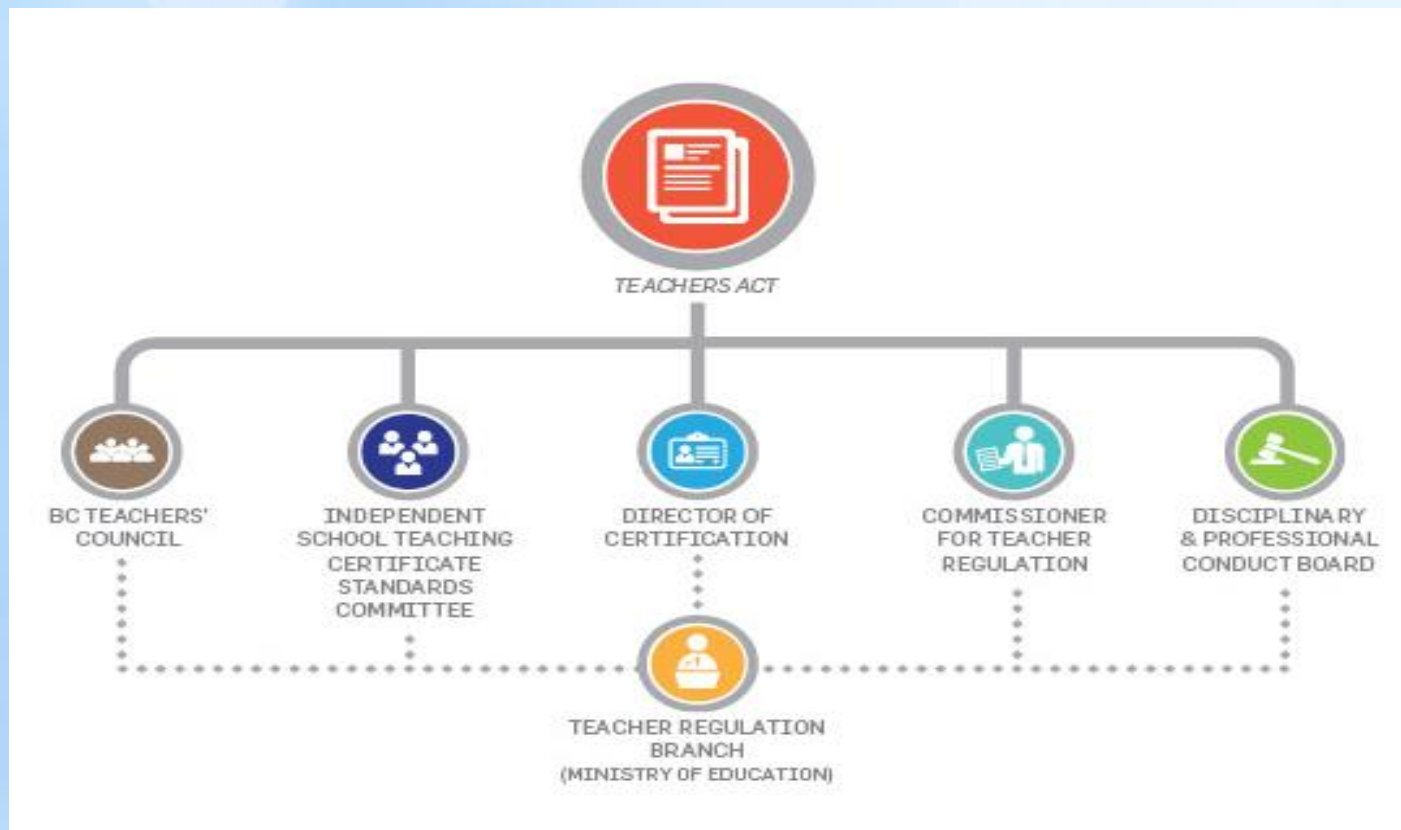
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The Regulatory Structure

Supported by the *Teachers Act* which received Royal Assent on November 14, 2011 and came into force on January 9, 2012.



Public Interest – Transparency – Keeping Students Safe

The BC Teachers' Council (BCTC)

The BC Teachers' Council is made up 16 members - 5 members are practicing teachers from across the province and 11 members are appointed by the Minister of Education from our various education stakeholders. The BCTC has the following mandate under the *Teachers Act*:

- Establishes standards for the education, competence and conduct of certificate holders.
- Establishes certificate types (including criteria) and the standards for applicants' qualifications and fitness.
- Evaluates and approves teacher education programs for the purpose of certifying their graduates.

****Separate and independent of the organizations to which they belong and carries out there duties in the **public interest.***



The new “Trades Certificate”

The BC Teachers’ Council recently approving a new pathway to certification for qualified trades people wishing to enter the teaching profession. To be eligible for the new **Trades Certificate** individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Complete grade 12 or equivalent;
- Hold a Red Seal or Trades Certificate issued or recognized by the Industry Training Authority in a trade that has a minimum of three levels of technical training;
- Complete a minimum of 5 years of journeyman work and/ or teaching experience;
- Complete a full teacher education program of no less than 48 credits; and
- Complete 6 credits of English or French literature and composition.



Upgrading the Trades Certificate

Trades Certificate holders who wish to obtain an unrestricted teaching certificate may upgrade to a **Professional Certificate** through one of the following avenues:

- Complete 12 credits of course work in a minimum of 2 trades/ technology areas outside the restricted trades area, or
- Complete 24 credits of course work in another recognized secondary teaching area taught in BC secondary schools.

The TRB anticipates it will begin issuing the Trades Certificate by early 2016 but no BC graduates via this pathway are expected for another couple of years.



TRB Communications Plan

- News release on the new Trades Certificate from the Ministry – Government Communications and Public Engagement.
- Notification sent to all education and industry partners.
- Notification sent to all BC K-12 employers – public, independent, offshore and First Nations.
- Notification sent to all other Canadian jurisdictions.
- Email sent to all certificate holders in the province.
- Brochure and additional information posted on TRB website.
- *Learn Magazine Article* – Fall 2015 issue. Includes great quotes from Rodger Hargreaves (SD62).



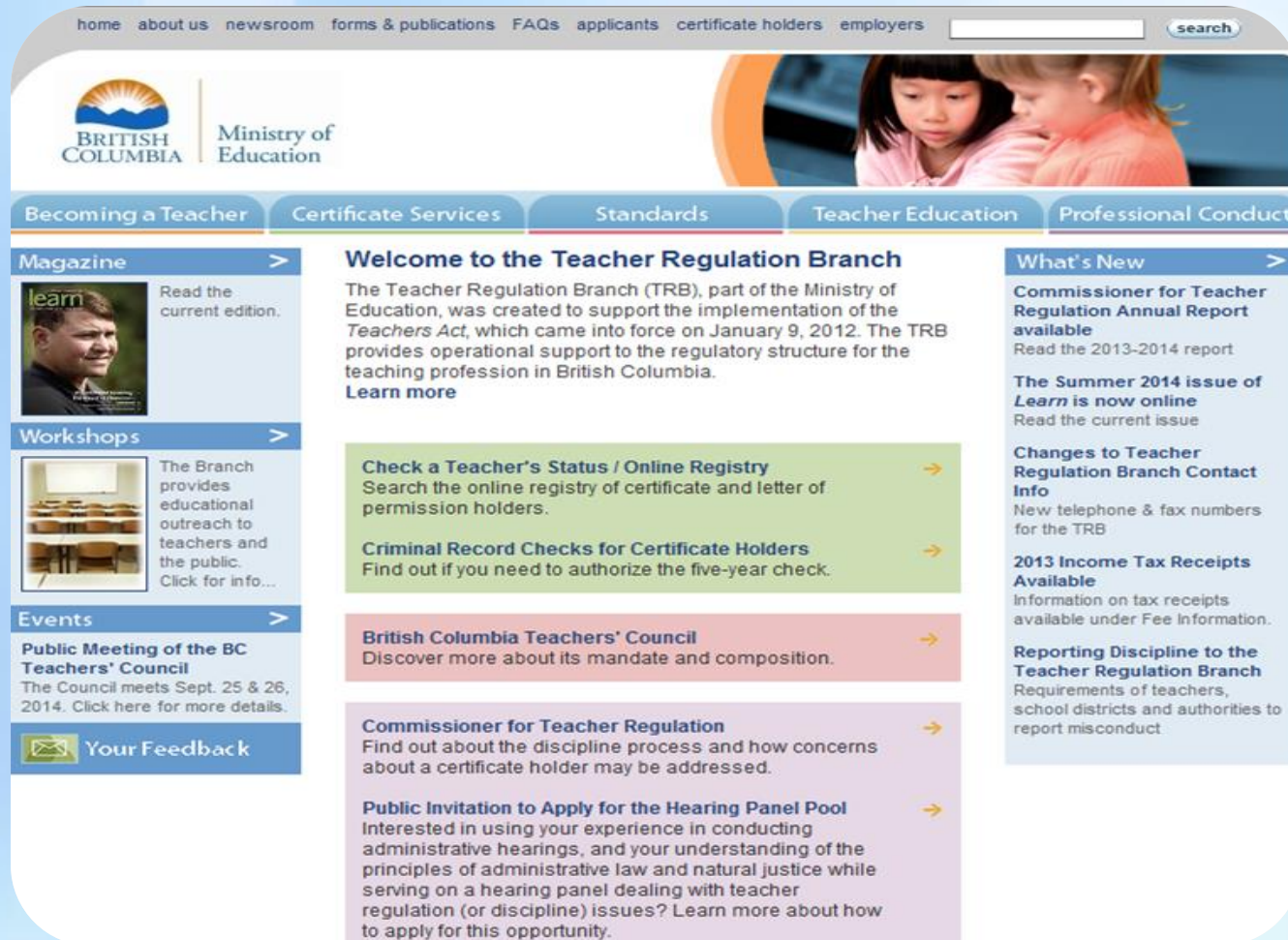
Next Steps

- Engaging and working the BC post-secondary institutions so that they may offer this teacher education program.
- Engaging the Teacher Qualification Service (TQS) to examine their regulations around salary classification and categories.
- Working with WorkSafe BC to ensure fit with their Vocational Rehab Program – specific to injured trades professionals who want to transition into the teaching profession.
- Follow up by the BCTC – reviewing the Trades Certificate criteria and new pathway in 2 years.
- Out of Scope for BCTC/TRB – funding, trades program viability in the system & employment/teaching assignments.



The TRB Website

Our website <http://www.bcteacherregulation.ca> is a useful tool for certificate holders, education programs, employers, administrators, parents and the general public.





The screenshot shows the homepage of the Teacher Regulation Branch (TRB) website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for home, about us, newsroom, forms & publications, FAQs, applicants, certificate holders, and employers. A search bar is located to the right of the menu. Below the navigation is a banner image of two young children, with the British Columbia Ministry of Education logo on the left. A secondary navigation bar contains tabs for Becoming a Teacher, Certificate Services, Standards, Teacher Education, and Professional Conduct. The main content area is divided into several sections: Magazine, Workshops, Events, Your Feedback, and a central 'Welcome to the Teacher Regulation Branch' section. The 'Welcome' section provides an overview of the TRB's role and includes a 'Learn more' link. To the right of the 'Welcome' section is a 'What's New' section with several news items, including the availability of the 2013-2014 Annual Report and the Summer 2014 issue of Learn. Below the 'Welcome' section are several informational boxes with arrows pointing to the right, such as 'Check a Teacher's Status / Online Registry', 'Criminal Record Checks for Certificate Holders', 'British Columbia Teachers' Council', 'Commissioner for Teacher Regulation', and 'Public Invitation to Apply for the Hearing Panel Pool'.

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Becoming a Teacher Certificate Services Standards Teacher Education Professional Conduct

Magazine >
Read the current edition.


Workshops >
The Branch provides educational outreach to teachers and the public. Click for info...


Events >
Public Meeting of the BC Teachers' Council
The Council meets Sept. 25 & 26, 2014. Click here for more details.

Your Feedback

Welcome to the Teacher Regulation Branch
The Teacher Regulation Branch (TRB), part of the Ministry of Education, was created to support the implementation of the *Teachers Act*, which came into force on January 9, 2012. The TRB provides operational support to the regulatory structure for the teaching profession in British Columbia.
[Learn more](#)

Check a Teacher's Status / Online Registry →
Search the online registry of certificate and letter of permission holders.

Criminal Record Checks for Certificate Holders →
Find out if you need to authorize the five-year check.

British Columbia Teachers' Council →
Discover more about its mandate and composition.

Commissioner for Teacher Regulation →
Find out about the discipline process and how concerns about a certificate holder may be addressed.

Public Invitation to Apply for the Hearing Panel Pool →
Interested in using your experience in conducting administrative hearings, and your understanding of the principles of administrative law and natural justice while serving on a hearing panel dealing with teacher regulation (or discipline) issues? Learn more about how to apply for this opportunity.

What's New >
Commissioner for Teacher Regulation Annual Report available
Read the 2013-2014 report
The Summer 2014 issue of Learn is now online
Read the current issue
Changes to Teacher Regulation Branch Contact Info
New telephone & fax numbers for the TRB
2013 Income Tax Receipts Available
Information on tax receipts available under Fee Information.
Reporting Discipline to the Teacher Regulation Branch
Requirements of teachers, school districts and authorities to report misconduct

Questions/Feedback



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