Registration of Schools - Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011 (SA)

Do Schools need to comply?

Yes, if you are operating or wish to open a non-government school in South Australia.

Conditions of compliance:

Registration of both Government and Non-Government Schools is covered in Part 5 of the Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011 (SA) and compliance issues are derived from the obligation to be registered.

Under the Act the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board (the Board) has the authority to satisfy itself that:

- The nature and content of the instruction offered, or to be offered, at the school is satisfactory; and
- The school provides adequate protection for the safety, health and welfare of its students; and
- The school satisfies any other requirements set out in the regulations as recommended by the Board.

If you have to comply, what do you have to do?

In essence, each new and established school must comply with the requirements of the Board relating to curriculum policies and procedures that relate to the nature and content of the instruction offered, the adequate protection for the health, safety and welfare of students and any other requirement as determined by the Board.

A school’s registration remains in force until it is cancelled under this Act.

All relevant forms are available on the Schools section of the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board at www.eecsrsb.sa.gov.au.

What are the consequences if you don’t comply?

Your school may not be registered or may lose its registration and hence be closed.

Significant penalties up to a maximum of $75 000 or imprisonment for 6 months apply to persons who procure or hold school registration by fraudulent or dishonest means.

Useful links:

Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of SA