Do Schools need to comply?

Yes, under the Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004 (SA).

Conditions of compliance:

A person must not be employed as a teacher, principal or director at a school or recognised kindergarten unless that person is a registered teacher.

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

School principals can check the registration status of teachers by:

- Asking to see a current registration certificate
- Going to the Teachers Registration Board website and doing a search for the person concerned.

Note that it is a condition of registration that the person registered has submitted to a police check and have undertaken Mandatory Notification training.

Schools are required to report to the Teachers Registration Board within 7 days unprofessional conduct or incapacity resulting in dismissal or resignation of the teacher.

Schools are also required to report, as soon as practicable, impairment of a teacher’s capacity to teach resulting from illness or disability.

What are the consequences if you don’t comply?

You will be in breach of the Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004 (SA) if you employ a person who is not registered or does not have an authority to teach from the Teachers Registration Board or if you do not report unprofessional conduct or incapacity. Penalties apply both for the employer and the employee.

Useful links:

Teachers Registration and Standards Act 2004 (SA)
Teachers Registration Board