

Teacher register

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 NETHERLANDS

Timeline

2015 **Approved/Agreed**

2016 **Approved/Agreed**

2017 **Approved/Agreed**

2018 **Discontinued**

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Description

The Teacher register bill, approved by the Cabinet in 2015, made enrolment of teachers in the register mandatory from 2017 onwards. By being registered, teachers are able to demonstrate that they have the right qualifications, keep their knowledge and skills up to date and keep abreast of the latest developments in their field. The register was an initiative by the teachers' forum (*OnderwijSCOöperatie*), which represents the various bodies for the teaching profession. It has been possible for teachers to join the register on a voluntary basis since 2012. This measure was expected to come into effect in August 2018 but was cancelled in February 2018. Teachers and schools resisted the top-down approach (compulsory registration) and did not support the implementation process.

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Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

Target group

Education professionals

Teachers

Thematic categories

Teachers, trainers and school leaders competences

Systematic approaches to and opportunities for initial and continuous professional development of school leaders, teachers and trainers

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Related policy developments

2021 **Discontinued**

Teacher portfolio

The teacher portfolio is an online tool developed for teachers to give substance to their professional development. The portfolio enables teachers to keep track of their professional development and competences and record both formal and informal learning.

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Type of development

Practical
measure/Initiative

Subsystem

IVET

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