



# Professional Standards Project

National Professional Learning Program  
2008

## Information for participants in Streams A, or A and B

**Registrations and Expressions of Interest are invited from teachers of languages at Government, Catholic, Independent and Ethnic primary and secondary schools in all states and territories of Australia to participate in a supported professional learning program focused on the Professional Standards.**

The AFMLTA together with the Research Centre for Languages and Cultures Education at the University of South Australia is developing and managing the Professional Standards Project (PSP), commissioned and funded by the former Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training now called the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

You will have the opportunity to participate in a national professional development programme using the *Professional standards for accomplished teaching of languages and cultures* developed by the AFMLTA as a framework to update and extend your knowledge and skills in languages teaching.

Further information is available on the project web site: [www.pspl.unisa.edu.au](http://www.pspl.unisa.edu.au)

Benefits of the programme include:

- ▶ networking and collaborating with teachers of languages in your state or territory on using the *Standards* in your professional practice
- ▶ having access to ongoing support throughout the professional development programme
- ▶ learning how to use the *Standards* in teaching your particular language
- ▶ being stimulated by reflecting on professional knowledge and practice and to develop self assessment skills
- ▶ increasing your capacity to engage with students in collaborative construction of their learning area knowledge and understanding
- ▶ gaining a greater awareness of how to develop the attributes and capabilities embodied in the *Standards*

## Stream A - Registration

This program is open to all teachers of languages in all sectors free of charge however places are limited. While funding is not available for teacher release, the cost of travel and accommodation for country participants will be met by the project.

Stream A is a general 'awareness raising' stream, consisting of 2x3 hour modules that will familiarize participants with the dimensions of accomplished languages and cultures teaching, as listed in the *Standards*.

Participants in Stream A are invited to forward an Expression of Interest for participation in Stream B. The Expression of Interest form is attached.

Please note that both registration forms for Stream A and expression of interest forms for Stream B are to be forwarded to the Project Coordinator.

# Stream B – Expression of Interest

Limited places are available for Stream B and applicants will be selected on the basis of an Expression of Interest. Some teacher release time will be available for participants in Stream B. Travel and accommodation costs for country participants will be met by the project.

The program will cater for both-

- a) teachers wishing to begin their journey towards an 'accomplished teacher status'
- b) teachers well on the way towards 'accomplished teacher status' who wish to advance their knowledge and skills

Stream B will build on Stream A and consist of 8 x 3 hour modules that will focus in depth on the following dimensions of accomplished languages and cultures teaching:

- ▶ Educational theory and practice
- ▶ Language and culture
- ▶ Language pedagogy

Participants in Stream B will undertake ongoing classroom investigation to apply new learnings gained during their participation in this programme.

Stream B participants will be supported through the program by the following:

- ▶ Feedback and ongoing communication with their State/Territory Team.
- ▶ The Stream B modules will include guidelines and support for participants during the classroom investigation component
- ▶ Participants will receive release-time support in order to attend the learning program.

If you have any queries regarding this project, please contact the PSP MLTA Key Contact for the ACT:

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Key Contact MLTA of ACT  
Ph: (02) 6205 2808  
E-mail: [pam.rosser@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:pam.rosser@ed.act.edu.au)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Closing date for both registration and expression of interest (if applicable) is Monday, 31 March 2008 (to be forwarded to the Project Coordinator).

**If you only wish to complete Stream A – send in the registration form only**

**If you wish to complete Stream B – send in both the registration form for Stream A and the expression of interest for Stream B**

## DATES AND VENUES

**Stream A – Date: Thursday 29 May 2008 Time: 8:30 - 4pm**

**Venue: Centre for Teaching and Learning, Fremantle Drive, Stirling ACT**

**Stream B – Dates and venues to be confirmed and posted on web site – [www.pspl.unisa.edu.au](http://www.pspl.unisa.edu.au)**

**Please contact Pam Rosser for further information.**

### SELF FUNDED PLACES

There will be limited self funded places available in Streams A and B in each state and territory.

Stream A – If places fill quickly you may still be able to attend at a cost of \$55.00 (GST inclusive)  
Project materials for self funded applicants can be downloaded from the Project website.  
(Applicants will need to cover the cost of their own travel and accommodation expenses if applicable).

Stream B – Limited self funded places are available at a cost of \$220.00 (GST inclusive)  
(Teachers will need to cover the cost of their own teacher release time if applicable as well as travel and accommodation expenses)

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity please tick the box on the registration form for Stream A and the box on the expression of interest form for Stream A and Stream B. Please note that you do not penalise yourself in the selection process by expressing your willingness to be a self funded applicant.



## Registration – Participation in Stream A

Name			
*School/ Place of Work			
Address			
Telephone	Work:	Mobile:	Fax:
Email			
Language			
Level(s) taught			
Member of MLTA	Yes No (please circle)		
If no, I am willing to become one before the commencement of the program	Yes No (please circle)		

**\*Participants are required to be currently engaged in language(s) teaching or consulting**

The following data collection is a requirement under the DEEWR funding agreement through which the PSP is funded. Please tick the appropriate boxes. All information collected is strictly confidential.

<b>Gender</b>	
Male	
Female	

<b>Number of years teaching languages</b>	
Up to 5 years	
6 to 10 years	
11 to 20 years	
More than 20 years	

<b>School type</b>	
P-12	
Early years	
Primary	
Middle	
Secondary	
Senior secondary	
Special	

<b>School location</b>	
Metropolitan	
Regional	
Rural/remote	

<b>School sector</b>	
Government	
Catholic	
Independent	
Ethnic School	

<b>Other employment within the languages consulting area</b>	
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I wish to be a self funded applicant if places are filled before my registration arrives (for Stream A only)	
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Participant's signature: .....

Date: .....

Please send your **registration** for participation in Stream A of the PSP **by Mon 31 March 2008**.  
The form can be posted, faxed or emailed to the Professional Standards Project Coordinator:

**Adriana Bašić**  
Project Coordinator  
c/o School of Languages  
255 Torrens Road,  
WEST CROYDON 5008  
South Australia

Ph: (08) 8301 4800  
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Email:  
[adriana.basic@schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](mailto:adriana.basic@schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au)



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**b) Describe why you want to participate in this project?**

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**3. Endorsement by Principal:**

Name:.....

Signature:..... Date: ... ..

Please send **Expression of Interest** for involvement in the PSP project as a participant in Stream B by **Monday, 31 March 2008**

The form can be posted or faxed together with registration for Stream A to the Professional Standards Project Coordinator:

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