



THE NATIONAL SURVEY FACTSHEET

What is 'the Evaluation'?

The Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) has engaged the University of Melbourne and our partner, the Australian College of Educators, to design, develop and deliver the process and impact evaluation of the implementation of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (the Standards; formerly known as the National Professional Standards for Teachers), which is planned to conclude in December 2015.

The University has partnered with the Melbourne Education Research Institute (MERI) at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education (MGSE) and Australian College of Educators (ACE) to undertake the Evaluation with AITSL. This project is funded by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited (AITSL) with funding provided by the Australian Government.

Why are we conducting a National Survey?

The National Survey will provide the Evaluation team with information about how the Standards are being used in schools, educational facilities and higher education institutions. Other Evaluation activities are also being conducted to obtain information from other levels of the education system.

What are we interested in?

The Evaluation team is interested in collecting data on the knowledge of, attitudes towards, use of, and perceived impact of, the Standards. The implementation of new education policies is very complex, the data collected in this survey will assist the Evaluation team in building a baseline of how the Standards are being implemented and used by the education profession across Australia.

Who can complete the survey?

We are inviting ALL teachers, school leaders, initial teacher educators and pre-service teachers to participate in the Evaluation by completing the National Survey. This is inclusive of teachers in early childhood settings. If you use the Standards in your daily practice we would like to hear from you.

What will it ask?

The National Survey will ask you demographic questions, for example, 'What is your role?' and 'How long you have worked in the profession?' It will also ask you questions which will collect information on the implementation of the Standards in your school, educational facility, or higher education institution, how they are perceived, and what could be done to better support you in your use of the Standards.



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What types of questions are in the survey?

There will be scaled questions which will ask you to rate your level of agreement with a series of statements about the Standards. There will also be open-ended questions which will give you space to write a response or comment. There will also be an opportunity for you to provide further comments about anything you would like to share with the Evaluation team.

Who will see my responses?

The National Survey is anonymous. Only the Evaluation team at the University of Melbourne will have access to your responses. The demographic information provided will only be used by the Evaluation team to identify the frequency of responses by jurisdiction, and the groups of individuals who are completing the survey. All data will be reported as aggregate data, no individual information or responses will be used in reporting.

What happens to the data?

Your responses will be stored on a password-protected hard drive on a secure level at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education. The data will be kept for five years from the completion of the Evaluation before being destroyed. This complies with the University's research ethics requirements.

Where do I go for more information?

Additional information about the Evaluation is available on both The University of Melbourne and the AITSL websites. The links to these sites are below:

<http://education.unimelb.edu.au/EAPST>

www.teacherstandards.edu.au/Evaluation

Will I get to see the results?

In early 2014 you will be able to access a summary of findings from the National Survey via the AITSL website.



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Completing the survey

How do I access the National survey?

The National Survey will be available online. Links to the survey can be found on the University of Melbourne Evaluation website and the AITSL Evaluation website.

www.education.unimelb.edu.au/EAPST/#survey

<http://www.teacherstandards.edu.au/Activities/Survey>

How long will the survey be available for?

The survey will be open from Monday 7th October 2013 until Friday 1st November 2013.

How long will it take to complete?

The National Survey should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Where do I go for help?

If you have any problems completing the survey, questions, or concerns, you can contact the University of Melbourne Evaluation team at apst-evaluation@unimelb.edu.au or on **1300 760 661**.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can I answer some questions and come back and finish the survey later?

Yes you can. When you click on the link the second time the survey will automatically jump to the next question you were up to.

2. Why can't I move on to the next question in the survey?

Some questions on the survey are mandatory. This means you cannot proceed to the next question until you have provided a response.

3. I can't access the survey?

The link may be broken, or you may have tried to access the survey too many times. Please contact the University of Melbourne Evaluation team at apst-evaluation@unimelb.edu.au or on **1300 760 661**.

4. Can I complete the survey with my colleagues?

The survey is open to all teachers, school leaders, initial teacher educators and pre service teachers and we encourage you to promote the survey amongst your colleagues and networks. However, we would encourage you to complete the survey individually to allow accurate data analysis and interpretation.

5. Do I have to complete the survey?

No, the National Survey is voluntary. However, by providing the Evaluation team with responses you will support us to conduct an accurate evaluation.



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6. My friend is also a teacher/school leader/initial teacher educator/pre-service teacher but does not know about the survey. Can I send the link on to them?

Yes, we want to receive as many responses to the survey as possible. We encourage you to share the survey amongst your colleagues and networks.

7. Will anyone else at my school/educational facility/higher education institution be able to see my responses?

No, only the Evaluation team at the University of Melbourne will have access to the answers you provide.

8. Has the University of Melbourne received ethics approval from a Human Research Ethics Committee to complete this Evaluation?

Yes, Ethics ID: 1339295. If, at any stage, you have concerns about the conduct of the Evaluation please contact the Executive Officer, Human Research Ethics, The University of Melbourne on 03 8344 2073 or by fax to 03 9347 6739.