



To: **Principals and Religious Education Leaders**

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Re: **CECV Accreditation Extension of Time**

Key Points:

- Feedback from schools has identified the pressure that all Catholic school communities have experienced in responding to the challenges that Covid has placed on schools.
- In particular, much of the professional learning that could occur has had to focus on new technology and associated on-line pedagogies, significantly impacting on other areas of professional learning, including opportunities related to CECV Accreditation.
- **All Victorian dioceses will therefore extend the original timeline for those who are gaining or maintaining accreditation during 2020-2021 by 12 months.**
- The extension of time will occur at the end of the 2021 school year and will be reflected on each learner profile on the Teacher Accreditation Platform (TAP) by the beginning of the 2022 school year.
- The decision is intended to allow school staff to catch up on lost professional development time related to gaining or maintaining accreditation that would normally have occurred in the past two years.

Actions Required

- School personnel do not need to take any action as the extra year will be automatically applied on TAP.
- Teachers should be informed that this change will occur on their TAP profile.
- Those responsible for professional learning related to Accreditation should be informed so that they can factor this into their longer-term planning.
- We would encourage those schools who are still on track to meet a 2024 deadline for their staff to continue their professional learning programs in Theology and Religious Education to enable greater depth of teacher understanding and skill during 2025.

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