

I am a mid-career manager who would like to switch to being a teacher in Queensland. I already have a Masters of International health from Monash University. When I spoke to the registration body in Queensland, I was told the only way for me to become a teacher here was a Masters of Education, in addition to my already completed Masters. Having to complete a second Masters in order to become a teacher is too onerous. I've almost finished paying HELP fees on my first Masters! I work in Media and Communications in higher education currently and was a journalist for many years, so I think I have a lot of career experience and unique skills to bring to the role. I am motivated and I would have thought, precisely the type of candidate our schools would hope to embrace.

I would consider completing a graduate diploma of teaching over one year, but what would make it especially enticing to me is a diploma that allowed me to work in the job while I studied. I am happy to do studies in addition to my work in order to make this happen. In fact, this is exactly how I completed my first Masters while working full-time - my nights and weekends were for studying.

It just seems crazy to me that there is a teacher shortage and candidates who are motivated, like me, are being turned away. I'd implore you to make these decisions on a case-by-case basis or alternatively, change the rules for candidates or prospective teachers who already have higher degree studies under their belt.