



Reviewers

School reviews are conducted by review teams trained and appointed by the School and Region Reviews (SRR) branch.

Each team is tailored to the school's context and needs, and generally consists of one or 2 principals, reviews from SRR, a principal peer reviewer and an external reviewer from outside the department.

Being a school reviewer allows principals to support their colleagues in schools across the state. SRR provides training, travel (where applicable) and support for all reviewers.

Principals, reviews

Principals, reviews are experienced state school principals seconded to SRR for a period of time, usually 12 months, however it depends on the context of the schools being reviewed and the expertise required. Principals, reviews chair each review on behalf of SRR.

A recruitment process is generally run at the end of each year.

To express your interest in becoming a principal, reviews, please search the Queensland Government jobs website at smartjobs.qld.gov.au or email reviews@qed.qld.gov.au.

External reviewers

External reviewers are experienced educators from outside the department who join review teams bringing additional independence, credibility, expertise and rigour to the review process. They are contracted by the SRR under a standing offer arrangement.

Many external reviewers are former Queensland state school principals or have served in senior officer positions within the department. Others come from non-state schools, interstate or higher education. All external reviewers bring with them a strong understanding of school improvement and educational leadership.

External reviewers each have identified areas of specialisation aligned to the *School Improvement Tool*.

Before participating in a school review, external reviewers undergo a comprehensive induction program. To ensure their knowledge and skills remain current external reviewers attend at least 2 additional

training days each year. Senior officers from across the department present at these sessions providing external reviewers with the latest information on departmental priorities and initiatives.

Invitations to offer external reviewer services are published periodically on the Queensland Government's QTenders website at www.hpw.qld.gov.au/qtenders. Interested parties should register their details online.

Principal peer reviewers

All Queensland state school principals are invited to be trained as peer reviewers.

By undertaking the training, principals develop a deeper understanding of the review process and how the *School Improvement Tool* can be used to support school improvement.

Principals who complete the training can participate as a principal peer reviewer. They step out of their school for the duration of the review (plus travel).

To find out when training is being offered, contact your regional office or see the training schedule on the [School Reviews website](#).

A 3-hour online refresher course is available to principals who have completed the 2-day program but want to update their knowledge and skills. Experienced peer reviewers are provided with additional training by SRR.

Senior principals, reviews

Senior principals, reviews are experienced principals, with strong understanding and experience in school reviews appointed to SRR. They lead training, oversee all aspects of the domestic and international reviews program, liaise with regions in all matters related to reviews, and engage with the SRR research program.

More information

For more information about school reviewers, please visit the School Reviews website at www.schoolreviews.education.qld.gov.au, or contact SRR on (07) 3035 2217 or email reviews@qed.qld.gov.au.

