

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000117**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***AITSL: Practicums***

**Question**

What is the process if a student fails their practicum? Do they have to re-do it? Is it possible to pass a teaching degree after failing a practicum?

NOTE – Press this point – there are stories in Victoria of students failing their final prac but ending up in classrooms the following year.

**Answer**

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership has provided the following response:

*The Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia Standards and Procedures (2015)* outlines the requirements that an initial teacher education program must meet to be nationally accredited. Under these arrangements, initial teacher education providers are required to work with their placement school(s)/systems to achieve a rigorous approach to the assessment of students' achievements against the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* at the graduate level, including the:

- timely identification of students at risk of not satisfactorily completing the formal teaching practice, and ensuring appropriate support for improvement is available, and
- mandating a satisfactory formal assessment of pre-service teachers against the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (APST)* at the graduate level, is a requirement for graduating from the program.

The previous *Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia Standards and Procedures (2011)* also included requirements for identification of at risk students and mandated a satisfactory assessment of pre-service teacher against the APST as a requirement for graduating from a program.