

Venerable Dr Thich Minh Tam  
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Dear Venerable Dr Thich Minh Tam

I write to inform you that the Minister for Education and Training has approved your application to be approved as a provider of Special Religious Education effective from 22 September, 2010.

Prior to providing religious instruction, the following steps need to be taken by your persuasion:

1. You must authorise members of your persuasion to provide Special Religious Education and they should have this authorisation in writing so that it can be shown, on request, to school principals.
2. The times for Special Religious Education are to be fixed by agreement with the schools in which you wish to teach students whose parents have nominated your persuasion.
3. The lesson content of any teacher that you authorise should be approved by your organisation.


A further requirement, for the continued provision of Special Religious Education, is that you provide an assurance annually to the Department that you are implementing the requirements of the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998* by using NSW Working With Children Check (Volunteer/Student) Forms with all Special Religious Education teachers.

The letter to your organisation for this year is attached to this letter.

In addition, you are required to have procedures in place that will not allow any teacher to be authorised who has a criminal conviction for violence, sexual assault, the provision of prohibited drugs or any crime against a minor.

Should you have any questions in relation to these matters please contact me on telephone (02) 9886 7603.

Yours sincerely



Brian Elliott  
**Executive Officer**  
**Director General's Consultative Committee on Special Religious Education**  
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