

Course advisory committees

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To increase representation of practising teachers on course advisory groups, the Curriculum Council's course Assessment, Review and Moderation (ARM) panels will be expanded and both the course ARM panels and course reference groups will be reconstituted as course advisory committees.

The course advisory committees will include up to 10 practising teachers from sector/systems, non-school-based members from each sector/system, representatives from the community and, as appropriate, universities, training organisations and industry.

The committees are responsible for providing advice to the secretariat on:

- syllabus development, review and accreditation
- school assessment and moderation
- the design and appropriateness of external assessments, and
- trends and issues related to the implementation of the courses.

It is hoped that in most cases, the present representation on course ARM panels and reference groups will continue, but more practising teachers will be sought and added. Sector/systems will be requested to provide additional nominees and, in addition, expressions of interest from teachers will be called for through the Curriculum Council Circular.

Country nominations are welcome. Country members will have the option of participating via teleconference and videoconference. Funding is not available for travel and accommodation.

The present ARM panels and reference groups will continue for Term 1, 2009. The new course advisory committees will be established in Term 2, 2009.