

# THE STANDARDS

The Standards are grouped under three domains and describe what teaching assistants know, understand, and do.

The Standards are broken down into 'focus areas' which can be used by teaching assistants to reflect on their practice, set goals, and plan professional learning to improve their knowledge and practice.

## Professional Knowledge

### Standard 1: Know students and how they learn.

- Focus Area 1.1 Understand how students learn.
- Focus Area 1.2 Engage with students to establish positive and respectful relationships.
- Focus Area 1.3 Demonstrate understanding of age and developmentally appropriate practice.

### Standard 2: Know how to support learning and teaching.

- Focus Area 2.1 Demonstrate knowledge of the curriculum to support learning and teaching.
- Focus Area 2.2 Demonstrate knowledge of evidence-based strategies to support learning and teaching.

## Professional Practice

### Standard 3: Collaborate with teachers to implement effective learning and teaching support.

- Focus Area 3.1 Communicate with teachers to support planning for student learning and wellbeing.
- Focus Area 3.2 Implement planned support.
- Focus Area 3.3 Support learning using planned resources that are authentic, relevant, age, and ability appropriate.

### Standard 4: Contribute to and maintain supportive and safe learning environments.

- Focus Area 4.1 Demonstrate inclusive practices that support student participation and engagement.
- Focus Area 4.2 Enable students to develop independent learning skills and manage their own learning.
- Focus Area 4.3 Encourage and support positive student behaviour.
- Focus Area 4.4 Support students' digital literacy capability.

### Standard 5: Contribute to assessment and provide feedback on student learning.

- Focus Area 5.1 Use agreed assessment methods to monitor student progress and provide feedback to teachers.
- Focus Area 5.2 Demonstrate effective feedback strategies used with students to support learning.

## Professional Engagement

### Standard 6: Engage in professional learning.

- Focus Area 6.1 Use the Australian Teaching Assistant Professional Standards to guide your performance and professional growth.
- Focus Area 6.2 Plan for professional growth.
- Focus Area 6.3 Engage in professional learning to improve professional knowledge, practice, and engagement.

### Standard 7: Engage and communicate professionally with colleagues and the school community.

- Focus Area 7.1 Comply with legal and ethical obligations in the school environment.
- Focus Area 7.2 Comply with school policies and follow procedures.
- Focus Area 7.3 Demonstrate understanding of the teaching assistant role.
- Focus Area 7.4 Demonstrate professionalism in interactions with colleagues and the school community.