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**Why is there a new Bachelor of Education program?**

The University undertakes regular reviews of all our programs to ensure that we are offering compliant degrees. As part of a recent review, the MBET suite has been replaced by two new education offerings. This decision was made to comply with new Australian Institute for Teachers and Schools Leadership (AITSL) requirements, and to ensure UniSA graduates are compliant with the new requirements

**What does this mean for me?**

As a current MBET student, this means you will be the final student cohort to undertake the undergraduate MBET degree, and will continue to study and graduate as per your normal study plan. From 2019, no new students will be enrolled in the current MBET program.

You also have the option to transfer into one of the new degree offerings, either the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Honours) or the Bachelor of Primary Education (Honours).

**MBET accreditation**

Your degree will remain a valid qualification and accredited degree under the current AITSL requirements.

**Why the change?**

The University of South Australia is home to the State's largest tertiary School of Education and the Bachelor of Education (ECE and Primary) programs are of high quality, are respected and have a strong reputation in the field of education in this state and beyond.

This year, the current UniSA Bachelor of Education (MBET) program is due for external reaccreditation by the Teachers Registration Board of South Australia (TRBSA). While the program currently meets the requirements for reaccreditation with the Australian Institute for Teachers and Schools Leadership (AITSL), recent changes in Commonwealth Government policy for Initial Teacher Education (ITE) require us to make some amendments for future intakes. As such, the University will separate the B. Ed into separate Early Childhood and Primary program offerings from 2019.

**Value of the MBET program**

The University of South Australia is dedicated to producing skilled and industry-relevant future educators, and proud of its graduate success rate in finding employment upon graduation. As the final cohort to graduate with this qualification, you will continue to have strong employment opportunities across ECE or Primary settings. The Bachelor of Education is a program that boasts high employment rates and you will have genuine employment options with a degree that is, and will continue to be, highly valued by our stakeholders.

**Do I need to do anything?**

There is no change for you, you will not be disadvantaged by these changes, and you will not need to do anything as the process unfolds, except to continue to follow your study plan.

**Will students transition to the new program?**

There is no need to transition as the MBET program will be taught out.

**Can I put in an ‘internal transfer request form’ to the new program?**

Any student currently studying in MBET courses can opt to internal transfer to the new program. Credit is not guaranteed for all courses completed in MBET. If you wish to transfer to one of the new programs please apply via the Change Program form <https://bpi.unisa.edu.au/suite/sites/application-to-change-program>

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Please contact the School of Education inbox unisaschoolofeducation@unisa.edu.au

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Please do not hesitate to make contact with **unisaschoolofeducation@unisa.edu.au**with any queries. You can visit a School of Education office located at Mawson Lakes Campus in room G1-11, Magill Campus G1-28 (opening hours 9am-4pm) or phone 8302 2600.