



School reviews for Council of International Schools

In 2016, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Department of Education and Training (DET) and the Council of International Schools (CIS).

The MOU details how CIS's five-year accreditation process aligns with DET's four-year school review cycle.

A copy of the MOU is available from [OnePortal](#).

Designating CIS schools for review

Under the MOU, all CIS-accredited schools, or those seeking CIS accreditation, participate in the same four-year review cycle as all other Queensland state schools.

As part of this process, the School Improvement Unit (SIU) meets with regions in October and November each year to assign schools for review for the following year.

Schools identified for review are designated for one of three review types: full school review, priority support review or self-determined review.

Full school reviews

Full school reviews for CIS-accredited schools are organised by the SIU and CIS, with review teams comprising reviewers from both organisations.

Review teams use the CIS evaluation standards, mapped to the nine domains of the *National School Improvement Tool*, to consider each school's performance and to recommend improvement strategies.

The timing of the reviews is negotiated between the SIU, CIS, the principal and region.

Priority support reviews

CIS-accredited schools identified for a priority support review undergo the same review process as all other priority support reviews.

Each review is conducted by a review team selected by the SIU, with reviewers using the *National School Improvement Tool* to identify where the school may need additional support.

Priority support reviews are conducted separately from any CIS process, with the timing of the review determined by the SIU, in consultation with the principal, region and State Schools Division. No CIS representatives take part in the review.

Following the completion of the review, the SIU and the region continue to support the school for 12 months.

Self-determined reviews

CIS-accredited schools identified for a self-determined review are given funding of up to \$4650 to organise their own review.

They can choose to engage the SIU or use the CIS accreditation process to fulfil their review requirements.

Review funding is provided by the SIU on receipt of an invoice and review report or other suitable documentation.

For more information about the different reviews, please see Chapter 3 of the SIU's [toolkit for principals](#).

Aligning school reviews with CIS timelines

Occasionally, in consultation with the school, region and State Schools Division, the SIU may delay or bring forward a school's review to better align it with the five-year accreditation process of CIS.

More information

For more information about school reviews for CIS schools, please phone the SIU on 3035 2217 or email siumb@det.qld.gov.au.

For general information about school reviews, please visit www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au.