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Benefits of teaching in the Northern Territory

Teachers receive laptop computers

The Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) supplies every teacher in government schools with a laptop computer. This ensures they have up-to-date technology to assist with delivering programs, and gives teachers greater flexibility in how they work and prepare lessons. The only other jurisdiction that provides their teachers with a laptop, without any cost to the teacher, is Tasmania.

6 weeks recreation leave

DEET teachers receive 6 weeks of recreation leave a year instead of the standard 4 weeks leave provided in other jurisdictions. DEET teachers are also given 17.5% leave loading on recreation leave.

DEET teachers receive some of the best maternity leave provisions in Australian public sector schools

After 12 months of service DEET teachers have access to 52 weeks maternity leave. Of these 14 weeks is paid maternity leave with the option of taking the leave at half pay over 28 weeks. DEET also gives teachers the option of accessing up to 6 years unpaid maternity leave.

What else are you entitled to?

Teachers in the Territory can apply for the Teachers of Exemplary Practice (TEP) allowance of up to a maximum of 20% of a teacher's salary. NSW and the ACT do not have a similar entitlement for teachers.

Teachers with dependants are also entitled to an additional Northern Territory Allowance (NTA) of $960 per annum not provided in other states.