

Teaching talent pool growing

One of the benefits of the economic downturn has been a significant improvement in the depth of the candidate pool for teaching jobs, says a leading recruiter.

The education sector recruiter told *Shortlist* the agency was fielding a growing number of calls from former teachers who wanted to return to education because it was seen as a recession-proof industry.

"Recruitment, for example, has heaps of ex-teachers, so we're getting inquiries from those people who are uncertain about their jobs." They added that schools now had a wider choice of candidates, from a bigger range of backgrounds, than they had previously.

She said the agency was keeping an eye on the British market, where a large number of retrenched workers were seeking to retrain, which in turn had created a rapid increase in demand for vocational education teachers. This hadn't happened locally yet, she said, but Australia was likely to see a similar trend.

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