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**THE TEACHERS' CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT  
2006-07**

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## Chairperson's Message

August 8, 2007

Honourable Joan Burke  
Minister of Education  
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Dear Minister:

I am pleased to submit the 2006-07 Annual Activity Report of the Teachers' Certification Committee. This report covers the period April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007. My signature below is on behalf of the Committee and indicative of the Committee's accountability for the actual results reported herein.

Respectfully submitted,



**ROBERT PARSONS**  
for Chairperson

## Overview

The *Teacher Training Act RSNL 1990, Chapter T-1*, Section 8, provides for the membership of the Teachers' Certification Committee as follows:

- the Registrar of Teachers, Mr. Robert Parsons;
- an officer of the Department of Education who shall be chairperson, Mr. Gary Hatcher;
- two representatives of the Faculty of Education of Memorial University of Newfoundland, Dr. Andrea Rose and Dr. David Dibbon;
- two representatives of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, Ms. Beverly Park and Mr. William Chaisson; and
- two representatives of the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association, Mr. Brian Shortall and Mr. Guy Elliott.

All members of the Committee are located in St. John's with the exception of Mr. William Chaisson, who is located in Corner Brook, and Mr. Guy Elliott, who is located in Labrador West.

The Teachers' Certification Committee makes regulations, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, as per section 11 of the *Teacher Training Act* in the following areas:

- prescribing the number and names of grades of teachers' certificates and licences, and the conditions under which the certificates and licences may be granted;
- prescribing the conditions under and the period during which the certificates and licences shall be valid;
- providing for the granting of interim, as well as permanent, teachers' certificates;
- providing for academic and professional standards in the training, examining, grading, certification and licensing of teachers, including training, examining, grading, certification and licensing in relation to the divisions in which they shall be qualified to teach;
- providing for the training and examining of administrators and supervisory and specialist personnel; and
- generally respecting the academic and professional standards in training and classification of teachers.

The Committee also advises the Registrar of Teachers on the granting and issuing of teachers' certificates and licences in accordance with section 12 of the *Teacher Training Act*.

The Committee meets at either the Confederation Building or the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association Building which are located in St. John's.

## **Activities**

The Teachers' Certification Committee convened four meetings during Fiscal Year 2006-07 to discuss progress on amendments to the Teacher Certification Regulations and to deal with individual teacher requests for approval of programs for certification advancement purposes.

The Committee discussed the need for amendments to regulations dealing with:

- Credit for professional development activities;
- Mutual Recognition Agreement for teachers; and
- Certification of Educational Psychologists.

The Committee addressed two individual teacher requests for approval of programs for certification advancement purposes.

The Committee also approved a regulation amendment which removed the Licence III renewal restriction.

The work of the Committee will continue during the next fiscal year, in accordance with a schedule set by the Chairperson.

## **Financial Statements**

Members of the Committee are appointed by virtue of their professional positions and no remuneration is provided. The Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association covers the cost of travel and incidental expenses for its member located in Corner Brook to attend meetings, and the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards' Association covers the cost of travel and incidental expenses for the member from Labrador West. This Committee operates at no additional cost to government and is not required to prepare financial statements.