

THE TEACHERS' CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

**ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT
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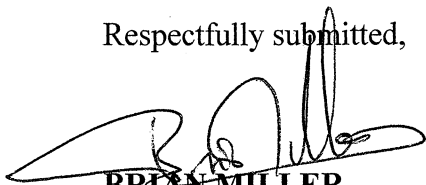
Honourable Joan Burke
Minister of Education
West Block, Confederation Building
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Dear Minister:

I am pleased to submit the 2007-08 Annual Activity Report of the Teachers' Certification Committee. This report covers the period April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

My signature below is on behalf of the committee and indicative of the committee's accountability for the actual results reported herein.

Respectfully submitted,



BRIAN MILLER
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. Brian Miller;
- 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.

Mandate

The Teachers' Certification Committee is mandated to advise the Registrar of Teachers on the granting and issuing of teachers' certificates and licences in accordance with section 12 of the *Teacher Training Act*.

Furthermore, the Teachers' Certification Committee may make 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;
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- 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.

Vision and Mission

Teachers are a key component of a high quality education system, and the Teachers' Certification Committee is committed to supporting the vision and mission of the Department of Education by ensuring that all the individuals entrusted to educate our province's children from Kindergarten to Level III meet the highest standards in their profession.

Vision of the Department of Education

The vision of the Department of Education is citizens with the values, knowledge and skills necessary to be productive and contributing members of society.

Mission of the Department of Education*

By 2011, the Department of Education will have maintained an educational system for the people of Newfoundland and Labrador which is of high quality, safe and affordable.

*Please refer to the Department of Education Strategic Plan 2008-11 for the complete mission statement.

Activities

The Teachers' Certification Committee identified two goals in its 2007-08 Activity Plan to guide its work for the fiscal year:

Goal One: By March 31, 2008, the Teachers' Certification Committee will have completed a review of current teacher certification regulations.

Measure: Completed review of teacher certification regulations

Indicators: Examined all regulations

Recommended changes to the Minister of Education for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council's consideration

Objective 1.1:

By March 31, 2008, the Teachers' Certification Committee will have completed a review of current teacher certification regulations.

Measure: Completed review of teacher certification regulations

Indicators: Examined all regulations
Recommended changes to the Minister of Education for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council's consideration

The following details the committee's successful achievement of the indicators presented in the activity plan.

The Teacher Certification Committee examined all regulations and put forth various recommended changes to the current teacher certification regulations to the Minister of Education for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council's consideration.

Goal Two: By March 31, 2008, the Teachers' Certification Committee will have provided advisory services, as required, to the Registrar of Teachers on matters pertaining to approval of teacher training programs for both initial certification, and for programs requested by teachers for the purpose of attaining higher levels of teacher certification.

Measure: Advice given to Registrar of Teachers

Indicators: Provided advice as required

Objective 2.1:

By March 31, 2008, the Teachers' Certification Committee will have provided advisory services, as required, to the Registrar of Teachers on matters pertaining to approval of teacher training programs for both initial certification, and for programs requested by teachers for the purpose of attaining higher levels of teacher certification.

Measure: Advice given to Registrar of Teachers

Indicators: Provided advice as required

The following details the committee's successful achievement of the indicators presented in the activity plan.

The Teacher Certification Committee provided advice to the Registrar of Teachers on a case by case basis, as required.

The Teacher Certification Committee supported the Innovative and High-Performing Educational Delivery Systems strategic direction of government by ensuring that all the individuals entrusted to educate our province's children from Kindergarten to Level III meet the highest standards in their profession.

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.