



Circular 0087/2007

To: The Management Authorities of Secondary Schools

Teacher Recruitment Policies 2007/2008 in Voluntary Secondary Schools

School authorities shall ensure that their teacher recruitment policies are revised to take account of the following:

1. The Minister, by [Circular Letter 0101/2006](#), amended Rule 1(4) of the **Rules for the Payment of Secondary Teachers** as follows:

"Registered teacher" is a teacher who is registered in accordance with section 31 of the Teaching Council Act, 2001.

A candidate proposed for appointment to the teaching staff of a voluntary secondary school shall, therefore, be registered in accordance with section 31 of the Teaching Council Act, 2001.

2. Each candidate for appointment to a teaching post shall have qualifications, including teacher education, suited to the purpose of the post for which s/he is proposed.

A list of approved qualifications for teaching is published, by the Teaching Council on its website. This list shows the subject(s) for which each qualification has been approved. Further guidance, where required on what subject(s) a teacher is qualified to teach, may be obtained by contacting the Teaching Council.

3. Any offer of employment must be conditional
 - a. on the production of a Registration Certificate or a certified statement of registration by 31 October 2007 and
 - b. on the teacher being compliant with all other requirements in relation to probation etc.

It is expected that The Teaching Council will be in a position to issue Registration Certificates to registered teachers late in the Autumn term. In the meantime, candidates for appointment who have been registered with the Teaching Council can obtain a certified statement of registration from the Council's office at The Teaching Council, Block A, Maynooth Business Campus, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. 01 6517900. email: info@teachingcouncil.ie

Newly-qualified teachers (2007 graduates) will not be registered before the start of the 2007-2008 school year by which time their qualification details will have been transferred from their colleges.

4. The vetting of teaching staff shall be in accordance the terms of [Circular 0094/2006](#) and the Teaching Council cannot issue a certified statement of registration until the vetting process is complete.

Any communication with the Department in relation to the content of this letter should be addressed by

- email to: PPTAppointments@education.gov.ie or
- Fax to: 090 6484063 or
- post to: Helene Hannon HEO, Post-Primary Teachers Section at the above address.

You are requested to ensure that copies of this circular are provided to the appropriate representatives of parents and teachers for transmission to individual parents and teachers. This circular, and an Irish translation, can be accessed on the Department's website www.education.ie.

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The attached information note should also be read in conjunction with Circular

