
SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Public Services Reform (General
Teaching Council for Scotland) Order 2011**

PART 4

STANDARDS OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, ETC.

Consultation

28. Before establishing new standards, or changing existing standards, of education, training, conduct or professional competence appropriate to teachers, the GTCS must—

- (a) consult—
 - (i) teachers or their representatives;
 - (ii) employers of teachers or their representatives; and
 - (iii) such other persons appearing to it to have an interest; and
- (b) have regard to any views expressed by those consulted.

Teaching qualifications: primary and secondary education

29.—(1) It is for the GTCS to determine what constitutes a recognised teaching qualification for individuals seeking registration as a school teacher.

(2) A determination may make such provision about the education and training required to attain such a qualification as the GTCS thinks fit.

(3) A determination may, in particular, make provision about—

- (a) institutions providing courses of education and training for teachers;
- (b) the qualifications of persons employed by institutions providing courses of education and training for teachers;
- (c) the admission of individuals to such courses;
- (d) the content, nature and duration of such courses;
- (e) the assessment of individuals undertaking such courses;
- (f) the functions of the governing bodies, principals and members of staff of institutions providing those courses.

(4) A determination may make different provision for different types of school teachers or institutions or otherwise for different purposes.

(5) Before making or varying a determination, the GTCS must—

- (a) consult—
 - (i) institutions providing courses of education and training for teachers or their representatives;

- (ii) the Scottish Ministers; and
- (iii) such other persons appearing to it to have an interest; and
- (b) have regard to any views expressed by those consulted.
- (6) The GTCS must publish determinations.

Teaching qualifications: further education

30.—(1) It is for the Scottish Ministers to determine what constitutes a recognised teaching qualification for individuals seeking registration as a further education teacher.

(2) A determination may make such provision about the education and training required to attain such a qualification as the Scottish Ministers think fit.

- (3) A determination may, in particular, make provision about—
 - (a) institutions providing courses of education and training for teachers;
 - (b) the admission of individuals to such courses;
 - (c) the content, nature and duration of such courses;
 - (d) the assessment of individuals undertaking such courses;
 - (e) the functions of the governing bodies, principals and members of staff of institutions providing those courses.

(4) A determination may make different provision for different types of further education teachers or institutions or otherwise for different purposes.

- (5) Before making or varying a determination, the Scottish Ministers must—
 - (a) consult—
 - (i) further education institutions or their representatives;
 - (ii) the GTCS; and
 - (iii) such other persons appearing to them to have an interest; and
 - (b) have regard to any views expressed by those consulted.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers must publish determinations.

GTCS duty to make re-accreditation scheme

31.—(1) The GTCS must make and publish a scheme setting out measures to be undertaken for the purposes of allowing it to keep itself informed about the standards of education and training of registered teachers.

- (2) The scheme may, in particular—
 - (a) impose, or allow the GTCS to impose, requirements on registered teachers;
 - (b) make provision with respect to failure to comply with such requirements (including, for example, provision allowing the GTCS to review the registration of any individual by or in respect of whom such a failure is made).
- (3) The scheme may make different provision in respect of different types of registered teacher or otherwise for different purposes.
- (4) Before making or varying the scheme, the GTCS must—
 - (a) consult—
 - (i) registered teachers or their representatives;
 - (ii) employers of registered teachers or their representatives;

- (iii) the Scottish Ministers; and
 - (iv) such other persons appearing to it to have an interest; and
- (b) have regard to any views expressed by those consulted.