**Education (Amendment) Ordinance 2000**

**Background:** The amendments are mainly related to the retirement of principals and teachers in aided schools.

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**Commencement date:** 24 March 2000

**Details of amendments:** New sections added as follows:

(a) Section 58A(1)(a) stipulates that a person shall not be employed as a teacher or the principal of an aided school if he –

   (i) would commence such employment after the commencement of this section [i.e. 24 March 2000]; and

   (ii) would be aged 60 years or more at the commencement of such employment.

(b) Section 58A(1)(b) specifies that [with effect from the 2001/2002 school year] a person employed as a teacher or the principal of an aided school shall not continue to be so employed for a school year or any part thereof if he has attained the age of 60 years or more before the commencement of the school year, except in accordance with a permission under section 58B(2)(a).

(c) Section 58A(2) stipulates that section 58A(1) does not apply to –

   (i) the employment of a person as a temporary replacement of a teacher of an aided school for any period during which that teacher is unable for any reason to perform his duties as a teacher of the school; or

   (ii) the employment of a person as a teacher of an aided school where the person fills a post that is not within the teaching staff establishment of the school approved by the Director from time to time.

(d) Section 58B(3) provides that the maximum aggregate period for which permission may be issued under section 58B(2)(a) in respect of the teacher or principal shall be 5 consecutive school years.