

Professional Upgrading for Teachers

Question and Answer

1. Q: If I have a locally awarded MEd(ECE), do I need to pursue the C(ECE) / PGDE(ECE) / BEd(ECE) teacher training programme so as to acquire the professional teacher qualification in early childhood education?

A: A teacher holding a MEd(ECE) has to ascertain that the Master Degree can also be accepted as comparable to C(ECE) / PGDE(ECE) / BEd(ECE), including the required practicum training. Teachers without professional teacher qualification in ECE may attend relevant training course as listed in the 'Approved Course List' to acquire the professional teacher qualification in ECE.

2. Q: If the qualification I hold is a non-local academic or professional qualification, what should I do?

A: Whether the non-local qualifications can be recognized as meeting the professional teacher qualification in early childhood education [including C(ECE) / PDGE(ECE) / BEd(ECE)] are subject to individual assessment by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ). Application should be submitted to the HKCAAVQ direct and the application fee is to be borne by the applicant.

3. Q: If I am a Registered Teacher under Education Ordinance (CAP. 279), can I teach in a kindergarten and do I need to pursue the C(ECE) / PDGE(ECE) / BEd(ECE) course?

A: Under the existing practice of the Education Bureau, a Registered Teacher with recognised teacher training can be appointed to teach in any school, and yet, a kindergarten teacher without C(ECE) / PDGE(ECE) / BEd(ECE) qualification is encouraged to take up related training to strengthen their professional competency.