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**Non-local Qualifications for
Appointment to Graduate Teaching Posts**

(Note : This Circular should be read by supervisors, principals and teachers of all aided, caput and bought place schools, and heads of sections)

This circular announces the arrangements for acceptance of non-local qualifications for appointment to graduate teaching posts in aided, caput and bought place schools. Non-local qualifications of applicants for appointment to graduate teaching posts are assessed on the basis of the latest advice from the accreditation authorities as to whether they meet the minimum entry requirements for graduate teaching posts.

2. On the basis of the latest advice from the accreditation authorities, the following non-local qualifications have been assessed as not meeting the entry requirements for appointment to graduate teaching posts :

Non-local Qualifications	Awarding Institutions
B Teaching	Australian Catholic University
B Phil (Ed)	University of Birmingham
B Ed (Hons) In-service	University of Brunel
B Ed B Sc	Cheltenham & Gloucester College of Higher Education
B A (Ed)	University of Hull
B Ed (Hons) Two Centre Programme	University of Nottingham
B Ed B Ed (Hons)	University of Wolverhampton / Wolverhampton Polytechnic

3. The above list in paragraph 2 is compiled by reference to past cases of non-local qualifications held by applicants which have been submitted to the accreditation authorities for assessment for appointment to graduate teaching posts. In determining eligibility for appointment to graduate teaching posts, the following will be taken into account by the Director of Education.

- (a) The information contained in the list is indicative only and is not a comprehensive or exhaustive list of non-local qualifications which has been assessed as not meeting the entry requirements for appointment to graduate teaching posts.
- (b) Assessment of the cases on the list is based on the independent advice and assessment of accreditation authorities on the academic comparability of non-local qualifications with local ones for appointment to graduate teaching posts. The list is compiled for reference in relation to appointment to graduate teaching posts only and does not relate to any general recognition or accreditation by the Government.

(c) The list includes only to the qualifications and the awarding institutions. Other particulars and details of the cases have been omitted. The assessment of qualifications on the list in the context of individual cases may vary on account of individual awarding circumstances or particulars of the qualifications (e.g. credit exemptions granted in recognition of prior qualifications). Cases involving non-local qualifications on the list will still be subject to individual assessment.

(d) The acceptance of those non-local qualifications awarded before 31 December 1998 in accordance with paragraph 2 above is subject to the awarding circumstances and particulars of qualifications being comparable to those cases accepted for appointment to graduate teaching posts previously.

4. For candidates whose non-local qualifications have previously been accepted for appointment to graduate teaching posts, if they apply again for graduate teaching posts, their qualifications need not be reassessed.

5. Subject to paragraph 3 above, those non-local qualifications that have previously been accepted for appointment to graduate teaching posts will continue to be accepted as eligible for appointment to graduate teaching posts provided that they are awarded before 31 December 1998.

6. Subject to paragraph 3 above, for individual applicants who have successfully completed such programmes on or before 31 December 1998 but are awarded the non-local qualifications only in early 1999 due to administrative arrangements of the awarding institutions, such non-local qualifications will also be accepted as eligible for appointment to graduate teaching posts.

7. The above list in paragraph 2 will be updated on a half-yearly basis to show cases of non-local qualifications which have been assessed as not meeting the entry requirements for appointments to graduate teaching posts.

8. For enquiries on the contents of this Circular, please write to Senior Education Officer (Schools)1 at 14/F, Wu Chung House, Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

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