

A Respectable Profession as a Teacher - The Engineer of the Human's Soul

Requirements for Becoming a Teacher

The government is committed to developing professional teachers for Hong Kong. In addition to professional training, it is government policy to expect all teachers to be degree holders for teaching both at the primary and secondary levels.

Registration

All those who wish to become teachers must be registered as a registered teacher or a permitted teacher.

- Registered teachers possess approved teacher qualifications as stated by the Education Ordinance. They may work in full capacity as a teacher in school settings.
- Permitted teachers possess the academic qualification for teaching subjects they are specialized in. They are only allowed specific academic teaching assignments.

Education

Teachers must be degree holders from recognized universities and academic institutions local or abroad.

Language proficiency requirements LPR

Teachers who intend to work on a permanent basis for public sector schools or on a full time basis for local private schools offering full curriculum will be asked to meet LPR of languages relevant to their teaching. LPR may be obtained through Language Proficiency Assessment (LPA) or exempted if LPR is met because of other qualifications.

Teachers of English or Putonghua must

- Prior to their teaching, meet all LPR papers except Classroom Language Assessments (CLA)
- Pass CLA within the first year of their teaching duty

More information about LPA can be found at:

- <http://www.edb.gov.hk/index.aspx?nodeid=1365&langno=1>

List of local university programmes qualifying for LPR exemption

- http://www.edb.gov.hk/FileManager/EN/Content_1377/ref%20list_26nov2009.pdf