

### **Universities and Other Higher Education Institutions Recognized in Prince Edward Island (PEI)**

Only those higher education institutions that are established or approved by an appropriate educational authority (usually a government body) are recognized by the PEI Office of the Registrar.

In the case of Belgium, we recognize those higher education institutions that are established or approved by Flemish Community government authority and French Community government authority.

For the Flemish Community, the Higher Education Register, an accreditation related body, includes on its website a list of all recognized higher education institutions which are authorized to issue qualifications. If your higher education institution is found on that list, then most likely we recognize it.

For a link to that list on the Higher Education Register's website, see:  
<http://www.highereducation.be/browseindex>

For the French Community, its Department of Education includes on its website a search engine utilized for finding all recognized higher education institutions which are authorized to issue qualifications. If your higher education institution is found through that search engine, then most likely we recognize it.

For a link to that search engine on the French Community's Department of Education website, see:  
<http://www.enseignement.be/index.php?page=26036>

### **Pre-Service Teacher Education Programs Recognized in Prince Edward Island**

Only those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by an appropriate educational authority (usually a government body) in your country are recognized by the PEI Office of the Registrar.

In the case of the Flemish Community, we recognize those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by Community government authority.

NVAO, the Accreditation Organization for the Netherlands and Flanders, is responsible for recognizing or approving pre-service teacher education programs. Hence, found on one of its related body's websites, the Higher Education Register, are lists of all recognized or approved higher education institutions and associated programs, including pre-service teacher education programs. If your pre-service teacher education program is found on one of those the lists, then most likely we recognize it.

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**Edward Island (PEI)**, above, for the website address information for *the Higher Education Register*.

In the case of the French Community, we recognize those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by Community government authority.

Found on the French Community's Department of Education website is a search engine utilized for finding all recognized or approved higher education institutions and associated programs, including pre-service teacher education programs. If your pre-service teacher education program is found through that search engine, then most likely we recognize it.

See the section **Universities and Other Higher Education Institutions Recognized in Prince Edward Island (PEI)**, above, for the webpage address information for that search engine found on *the French Community's Department of Education's website*.

### **Specific Programs Not Recognized in Prince Edward Island**

Any programs that do not meet our minimum requirements for an acceptable teacher education program will not be recognized.

### **Obtaining Academic Records**

In Belgium academic records or official transcripts are issued by universities, university colleges and other higher education institutions.

When seeking to obtain your academic records or official transcripts you are generally required to submit a **written request by fax, email or post** to your university's Academic Records Division. Your full name, date of birth and student ID number (if known) should be included. Generally, information cannot be provided over the phone.

Academic records or official transcripts must be mailed directly to us from every higher education institution you have attended. We will not accept transcripts submitted by you even if they are sealed or notarized. We will not accept transcripts by fax or email. Transcripts received must be in the original language of issue.

If the PEI Office of the Registrar receives transcripts in languages other than English or French, we will send a copy to you. You will need to have the documents translated into either English or French and send the original translations to us.

### **Obtaining Statements of Professional Standing**

A Statement of Professional Standing is a document that states you are a teacher in good standing and that your teaching license has never been revoked, cancelled, or suspended for any disciplinary reasons. This document usually comes from the government body or other licensing body that oversees teachers.

In the case of the Flemish Community, a Statement of Professional Standing is required and may be obtained from your local school board, which acts as the employer. Additional Statements of

Professional Standing are required from school boards where you have held or hold a teaching certificate. All Statements of Professional Standing must be mailed directly to the PEI Office of the Registrar.

In the case of the French Community, a Statement of Professional Standing is required and may be obtained from the Department of Education. Its address is found below:

- Administration générale des Personnels de l'Enseignement (A.G.P.E.), Monsieur Alain Berger, Administrateur general a.i. Boulevard Léopold II, 44, 1080 Bruxelles.

Your Statement of Professional Standing must be mailed directly to us.

### Teaching Certificate

Teaching certificates are not issued in the Flemish or French Communities. Instead, for Flemish applicants, the PEI Office of the Registrar will accept a photocopy of your Diploma of Qualified Teacher (*Diploma van Geaggregeerde*). And, in case of French applicants, we will accept a photocopy of your Teacher Education Diploma (*Agrégé*).

### Credit Hour Equivalencies

Belgian universities, university colleges and other higher education institutions utilize the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Generally, under this system one course or module is worth 7.5 credit hours or points. In most cases, students are expected to take four courses per semester to be considered full-time.

The PEI Office of the Registrar recognizes the ECTS system. In PEI, our university, the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), generally utilizes a 3 credit hours or points per course system. Found below, is a table containing our credit hour and course equivalencies for the ECTS 7.5 credit hours per course system.

	Credit Hours per Course	Typical Full-time Course Load
Belgian Higher Education Institution	7.5	4 courses x 7.5 credit hours
UPEI	3	5 courses x 3 credit hours

## Other Pertinent Information

### *Years of Scholary and Year 12 Equivalent*

In order to be eligible for certification as a teacher in PEI you are required to have a minimum of 16 Years of Scholary, which includes completion of your Year 12 equivalent (also known as Grade 12 equivalent). Generally, a Year of Scholary is earned for every year of formal education you have completed, beginning with Year 1 education at the elementary or primary school level.

Because Years of Scholary and Year 12 equivalence can vary so much between countries and even within them, the PEI Office of the Registrar calculates the Years of Scholary and Year 12 equivalence for each application on a case-by-case basis.

### *Language Proficiency*

You do not need to provide satisfactory results on a language proficiency test if you have completed all of your post-secondary education in English or French.

In the Flemish Community, Dutch is typically the language of instruction; hence, in most cases, applicants who have completed their post-secondary education in the Flemish Community will be required to provide satisfactory results on a recognized English or French language proficiency test as a condition of certification. For more information on language proficiency, including as regards acceptable tests and test scores, see our **Resource Guide: "Welcoming Internationally Educated Teachers to PEI."**

In the French Community, French is typically the language of instruction; hence, in most cases, applicants who have completed all their post-secondary education in the French Community do not require language proficiency testing. For more information on language proficiency, including acceptable tests and test scores, see our **Resource Guide: "Welcoming Internationally Educated Teachers to PEI."**

The **Resource Guide** is available online on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website. See the following link:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/eecd/index.php3?number=1027691>