



## COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHEET FOR CHINA

### **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 China, we recognize those higher education institutions that are established or approved by provincial (or another sub-national level of government) or national government authority.

China's Ministry of Education includes on its website lists of all recognized higher education institutions which are authorized to issue qualifications. If your higher education institution is found on one of those lists, then most likely we recognize it.

For a link to those lists on the Ministry of Education's website, see:

[http://www.moe.edu.cn/publicfiles/business/htmlfiles/moe/moe\\_2812/200906/48836.html](http://www.moe.edu.cn/publicfiles/business/htmlfiles/moe/moe_2812/200906/48836.html)

### **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 China, we recognize those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by provincial (or another sub-national level of government) or national government authority.

In general, the Ministry of Education is responsible for recognizing or approving pre-service teacher education programs. Hence, its website includes lists of all recognized higher education institutions which are authorized to issue qualifications. If the higher education institution where you completed your pre-service teacher education program is found on one of those lists, then most likely we recognize it.

See the section **Universities and Other Higher Education Institutions Recognized in Prince Edward Island (PEI)**, above, for a link to those lists on the Ministry 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. For example, programs delivered at a vocational institution and not at a university or other related higher education institution will not be recognized. Also, programs that do not include 4 full academic university years may not be recognized.

## **Obtaining Academic Records**

In China academic records or official transcripts are issued by universities 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.

In addition to the academic records or official transcripts that your university sends to the PEI Office of the Registrar, you must present the original degree certificate for each program on your application form that was completed in China. If a degree certificate was not issued, you must present the original graduation certificate. You can bring them to the PEI Office of the Registrar yourself or send them by mail or courier. We will return them to you.

## **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.

Statements of Professional Standing are not issued in China. Instead, you must arrange for the head administrator of the last school where you taught in China to send a letter of reference directly to the PEI Office of the Registrar. The letter must be current. It must list the dates and length of your employment and say that you were never suspended for any disciplinary reason and that your conduct was satisfactory. If you only have practice teaching experience, you need to ask your university or other higher education institution to send us a letter stating that your practice teaching was satisfactory.

## **Teaching Certificate**

In China teaching certificates are issued by the Ministry of Education. Before that they were issued by the National Education Commission. If you have a teaching certificate, submit a photocopy of it to the PEI Office of the Registrar.

If you do not have a teaching certificate, mail a photocopy of your original teacher education diploma to us.

## **Credit Hour Equivalencies**

China has no national credit system. Universities and other higher education institutions have their own credit systems. The number of credit points required for the completion of a bachelor's degree or other program can vary greatly between institutions, generally from about 108 to 240 credit hours or points.

Because credit systems in China can vary so much between higher education institutions, the PEI Office of the Registrar calculates the credit hour equivalencies for each application on a case-by-case basis.

## **Other Pertinent Information**

### ***Years of Scholarship 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 Scholarship, which includes completion of your Year 12 equivalent (also known as Grade 12 or High School equivalent). Generally, a Year of Scholarship 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 Scholarship and Year 12 equivalence can vary so much between countries and even within them, the PEI Office of the Registrar calculates the Years of Scholarship 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 China, Mandarin is typically the language of instruction; hence, in most cases, applicants who have completed their post-secondary education in China 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 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>