



COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHEET FOR GHANA

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 Ghana, we recognize those higher education institutions that are established or approved by national government authority.

A Ministry of Education agency, the National Accreditation Board, 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 National Accreditation Board's website, see:

<http://www.nab.gov.gh/>

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 Ghana, we recognize those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by national government authority.

In general, the National Accreditation Board is responsible for recognizing or approving pre-service teacher education programs. Hence, its website includes lists of all recognized higher education institutions, including Colleges of Education, 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 National Accreditation Board'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 be not recognized.

Obtaining Academic Records

In Ghana 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.

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.

A Statement of Professional Standing is required and may be obtained from the Ghana Education Service. Additional Statements of Professional Standing are required from all other jurisdictions 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.

The Ghana Education Service's contact information is found below:

Contact Information for Ghana Education Service
Ghana Education Service Address: Ghana Education Service, Headquarters, Ministry Branch Post Office, P.O Box M45, Accra, Ghana.

Teaching Certificate

Teaching certificates are not issued in Ghana. Instead, the PEI Office of the Registrar will accept a photocopy of your teacher education diploma, degree or Teacher's Certificate A.

Credit Hour Equivalencies

Ghana has no national credit system. Universities and other higher education institutions have their own credit systems, though most Ghanaian higher education institutions utilize a credit system similar to the one utilized by most American and Canadian universities (i.e., 3 point credit system).

Because credit systems in Ghana can vary 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 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 or High School 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

Generally, 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 Ghana, English is typically the language of instruction; hence, applicants who have completed their post-secondary education in Ghana may not be required to provide satisfactory results on a recognized English or French language proficiency test as a condition of certification. However, because many Ghanaians may not receive all of their education in English, the PEI Office of the Registrar may require Ghanaian applicants 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>