



COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHEET FOR LEBANON

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

Other than the publicly operated Lebanese University, which we recognize, all the universities and other higher education institutions are private. Hence, found on the Ministry of Education and Higher Education's website is a list of all recognized private universities. If your higher education institution is found on that list, then most likely we recognize it.

For a link to that list on the Ministry of Education and Higher Education's website, see: http://www.higher-edu.gov.lb/english/Private_Univ.htm

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 Lebanon, we recognize those pre-service teacher education programs that are recognized or approved by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

In general, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education is responsible for recognizing or approving pre-service teacher education programs. Hence, found on its website is a list of all private higher education institutions that are recognized or approved to offer pre-service teacher education programs. If the private higher education institution where you completed your pre-service teacher education program is found on that list, then most likely we recognize your pre-service teacher education program.

For a link to that list on the Ministry of Education and Higher Education's website, see: http://www.higher-edu.gov.lb/english/Private_Univ.htm

NOTE: The PEI Office of the Registrar recognizes most pre-service teacher education programs offered by the Lebanese University.

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 Lebanon 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 from Lebanon is required and may be obtained from:

- Ministère de l'Éducation nationale, de la Jeunesse et des Sports, Ministère de l'Enseignement technique et professionnel Palais de l'UNESCO (ou Centre Starco), Beyrouth, Liban; **or**
- Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Directorate General of Higher Education (MEHE-DGHE), Habib Abi-Chahla Square, Beside UNESCO Palace, Beirut, Lebanon; **or**
- The last school where you taught, including if you taught in a private school such as a private international school.

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 Ministry of Education and Higher Education's contact information is found below:

Ministry of Education and Higher Education

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info@higher-edu.gov.lb

Website:

<http://www.higher-edu.gov.lb/english/default.htm>

Address

Ministry of Education & Higher Education (MEHE)
Directorate General of Higher Education (DGHE)
Habib Abi-chahla Square – Beside UNESCO Palace
Beirut - Lebanon

Teaching Certificate

Teaching certificates are not issued in Lebanon. Instead, the PEI Office of the Registrar will accept a photocopy of your teacher education diploma or degree.

Credit Hour Equivalencies

Lebanon has no national credit system. Universities and other higher education institutions generally have their own credit systems.

Because credit systems in Lebanon 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 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

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 Lebanon, English, French or Arabic, or some combination of those languages, are typically used as the language(s) of instruction; hence, if you completed your post-secondary in English or French, you may not be required to provide the results of a language proficiency test. However, if you completed your post-secondary education in Arabic, then you 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>