



COUNTRY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION SHEET FOR SYRIA

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 Syria, we recognize those higher education institutions that are established or approved by the Ministry of Higher Education or some other national government authority.

Syria's Ministry of Higher Education includes on its website lists of all recognized universities and other 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 a list of all recognized private universities on the Ministry of Higher Education's website, see:

<http://www.mohe.gov.sy/new/index.php?page=show&ex=2&dir=docs&ex=2&ser=1&lang=2&cat=1521>

For a link to a list of all recognized public universities on the Ministry of Higher Education's website, see:

<http://www.mohe.gov.sy/new/index.php?page=show&ex=2&dir=docs&lang=2&ser=1&cat=1168&ref=home>

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 Syria, we recognize those pre-service teacher education programs that are offered by recognized or approved universities and other higher education institutions.

Found on the Ministry of Higher Education's website are lists of all recognized or approved public and private universities and other higher education institutions. If the university or other higher education institution where you completed your pre-service teacher education program is found on one of those lists, then most likely we recognize your pre-service teacher education program.

See the section **Universities and Other Higher Education Institutions Recognized in Prince Edward Island (PEI)**, above, for links to those lists on the Ministry of Higher 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 Syria 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 Ministry of Education. 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's contact information is found below:

Ministry of Education	
Phone:	3313206 – 011
Website:	http://www.syrianeducation.org.sy/MOEPortalWebSite/MOEHomePage.aspx (Arabic only)

Address:

Damascus - Al Mazraa, Shahbandar Square

Teaching Certificate

In Syria teaching certificates are issued by the Ministry of Education. 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 or degree to us.

Credit Hour Equivalencies

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

Because credit systems in Syria 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 Syria, Arabic is typically the language of instruction; hence, in most cases, applicants who have completed their post-secondary education in Syria 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>