



Bermuda Educators Council

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OVERVIEW

The Bermuda Educators Council was enacted in 2002 to be responsible for the registration, certification and continuing education of all educators in Bermuda. The principal aim of the Bermuda Educators Council is to:

- Encourage and maintain high standards of teaching in Bermuda so as to enhance the quality of learning; and
- To improve the professional conduct of educators in Bermuda.

Members of the Council include one principal each from a public and a private school, four teachers from public schools, three teachers from private schools, one para-educator, one teacher with specialist qualifications in the teaching of persons with special education needs and four members appointed by the Minister of Education to represent the interests of employers of educators, parents of pupils and the general public. The Council meets monthly.

The Council may create and appoint sub-committees as it deems necessary. Currently, the working sub-committees include Licensure Review Committee, Exemption Committee, Professional Learning, Governance Committee, Financial Management Committee, Member Services Committee, Stakeholder Services Committee, Executive Council, and Discipline Committee.

While the Council functioned as a working board for the first five (5) years, it began operations in earnest in June 2008 with the hiring of its first director. The first licensing period for educators and para-educators took place in September 2008. The licensing period is for two years. As of February 2023, there are approximately 1309 registered educators and 189 registered para-educators within the Bermuda education system. The next license renewal period commences September 2023.

The Council is also legislated by the Act 2002 to issue, distribute and revise a Code of Practice that lays down the standards of professional conduct and practice expected of registered educators and para-educators. The Council must make available to all registered educators a copy of the Code of Practice.

With the guidance of its legislated responsibilities and the dedication of its members, the Council will continue to make a positive impact on Bermuda's education system. The beneficiaries of such actions are the future leaders of Bermuda....our children.