

# Rules: Registration

The TSC Act of 2011 mandates the TSC to:

- Register and license all teachers
- Maintain and annually upgrade a register of all licensed teachers
- Publish the register in the Gazette
- Vet all teacher qualifications.

## Registration Rules

- Every teacher must register in the electronic database of teachers maintained by the TSC.
- The minimum academic qualification for registration as a professional teacher is the Teacher Certificate (TC) or its equivalent. Lower qualifications do not qualify.
- Acceptable qualifications for registration are: TC; Higher Teacher Certificate (HTC) Primary/Secondary; Degree in Education; Degree in Science/Arts/Social Studies/Commerce/Vocational and Technical Studies + Post-graduate Diploma in Education.
- A person is eligible for registration if he or she:
  - Has the minimum relevant academic and professional qualifications from an accredited and recognised teacher education institution in Sierra Leone or elsewhere.
  - Is physically and mentally fit.
  - Has no criminal record or any registration of inappropriate conduct.
- Foreign applicants must submit the following documents with their application:
  - Certified copies of qualifications and academic transcript, certified copy of identification document.
  - Letter of professional standing and good ethical conduct – not more than one year old and headed, stamped and signed - from the country of previous registration.
  - Proof of legal entry into Sierra Leone, passport, visa, and work permit and/or residence card if relevant, or asylum seeker or refugee permit.
  - Documentation of passing TSC's Professional Qualifying Assessment/Test (if operational at the time).
  - Proof of ability to teach fluently in the English language.
- Separation from service, retirement and death must be registered in the Teacher Database.
- Denial or withdrawal of registration as a teacher follow the same rules as denial or withdrawal of a teacher's licence. The criteria are described in the following section on [Licensing](#).
- Anyone found to submit falsified documents or information will be subject to legal proceedings and denied registration or licensing as a teacher