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## SACE SPECIAL REGISTRATION CATEGORY

The Special Registration Category applies to educators who are academically qualified but professionally unqualified and who may be appointed in an education post.

They may be registered by SACE under this category and includes the following educators/ lecturers:

- Educators who teach performing arts (music, drama, dance and visual art);
- Lecturers at TVET Colleges;
- Practitioners at Community Education and Training Centres (ABET & AET);
- Educators who teach religious studies;
- Educators appointed as therapists, psychologists and social workers at schools;
- Educators at Waldorf and Montessori Schools;
- Certain educators at special schools, schools of skill, focus schools, technical schools, etc.;
- ECD practitioners who completed ECD level 4 or level 5;
- Academically qualified but professionally unqualified persons (not listed above) who for e.g. teach Maths and Science and who are in possession of a B.Sc. qualification, studying towards a post graduate certificate in education (PGCE). (Refer to conditions at no. 6 below)

For the complete list of the exceptions we refer you the [PAM, Chapter B.3.2.1.3 of the Employment of Educators Act](#).

[Click here](#) for the registration requirements for each of the categories of educators. Paragraph 4 page 7 – 17 refers for your easy reference.

**Educators registering under this special registration category must take note of the following changes concerning their registration:**

1. Educators who apply for the **first time** for SACE registration under the special registration category as listed above, will receive a SACE **registration certificate** with conditions indicated on the said certificate. This certificate will have **NO expiry date**. They will no longer have to re-apply repeatedly for an extension of the registration period as was the case in the past. **These first-time applicants must apply on-line.** [Click here](#) for instructions on how to apply on-line.
2. **ECD-practitioners** must note that the above only applies to ECD practitioners who have an ECD level 5 qualification. ECD practitioners on level 4 will still receive a registration letter with an expiry date until they complete an ECD level 5 qualification and submit proof to the Council.
3. Educators who are already registered under this special registration category and who must soon apply for an **UPDATE OR EXTENSION**, must take note of the following:
  - Educators are encouraged to apply for a renewal / update of their SACE registration three months prior to the expiry of the SACE registration.



- Educators must complete an update/extensions form (downloaded from the SACE website on [www.sace.org.za](http://www.sace.org.za) under registration).
  - When their registration is updated, a registration certificate **without an expiry date** will be issued to them. They will no longer have to re-apply for an extension of the registration period as was the case in the past.
  - [Click here](#) for instructions on how to update or extend your SACE registration.
4. Educators who are registered under the special registration category, who **want to teach other subjects**, MUST be professionally qualified in the 'other' subject to qualify for professional SACE registration and to be issued with a certificate for Professional Registration. Conditional Registration Status limits and ties a registration applicant to a specific Subject/Phase/Sector only. Thus, an applicant in this category cannot teach any other Subject/Phase/Sector, unless being professionally qualified in the 'other' subject.
5. Educators who teach **music** under this special registration category: [Click here](#) for SACE's official view with regard to the SACE registration of music teachers.
6. **Academically qualified but professionally unqualified persons** who for e.g. teach Maths and Science and are in possession of a B.Sc. qualification, studying towards a post graduate certificate in education (PGCE): These educators are registered with the Council on condition that they study and complete a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) within two years. If they fail to complete the PGCE within the two years, a grace period of one year will be granted to allow an educator to complete the PGCE. Due to these specific circumstances registration will still be subject to an expiry date. Failure to provide the Council with proof of a completed PGCE after the three years will result in the educator's name being removed from the SACE register of educators.

## GENERAL REMARKS

- Educators are advised to apply for updates and extensions 3 months before their registration date expires to provide the Council with sufficient time to process the application.
- Educators are cautioned **NOT** to use people or institutions who pretend to be 'agents' of SACE and who promise that they can get educators registered within a few days. This is just not possible as SACE offices are closed at the moment and these 'agents' have to follow the same online- or email-procedures like any other applicant has to follow. [Click here](#) for a notice from SACE in this regard.
- SACE reiterates that every application will be treated on merit and qualifications must be recognized by SACE for a successful registration.
- If you are unsure about the status of your qualifications, you are advised to have it evaluated by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET).