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Education Bureau Circular No. 10/2009

Qualification and Training Requirement of New Kindergarten Principals

[Note: This circular should be read by

- (a) Supervisors of Kindergartens/Kindergarten-cum-Child Care Centres and Schools with Kindergarten Classes - for action; and
- (b) Heads of Sections - for information]

Summary

This circular reminds supervisors of the qualification and training requirement of new principals of kindergartens/kindergarten-cum-child care centres and schools with kindergarten classes (KGs) pursuant to the implementation of the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme (PEVS). This circular supersedes EDB Circular No. 27/2002.

Background

2. EDB Circular No. 1/2007 dated 22 January 2007 on “New Initiatives in Pre-primary Education”, available at <http://applications.edb.gov.hk/circular/upload/EMBC/EMBC07001E.pdf> stipulates that with effect from the start of the 2009/10 school year, all new principals are required to have a degree in early childhood education (BEd(ECE)) or its equivalent, one-year relevant post-qualification experience and completed a certification course before their appointment, or exceptionally within the first year of their appointment with prior approval from EDB.

Details

3. The new requirement will apply to those who are to be appointed as KG principals for the first time ever with effect from the 2009/10 school year. For more details, please browse information on EDB webpage at http://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/edu-system/preprimary-kindergarten/preprimary-voucher/covering%20note_english.pdf.

4. Supervisors are requested to note the above requirement. The list of approved courses is available for reference at EDB's webpage at http://www.edb.gov.hk/attachment/en/edu-system/preprimary-kindergarten/preprimary-voucher/approved%20course%20list_e.pdf.

Enquiries

5. For enquiries, please contact the respective School Development Officers/ Pre-primary Services Officers.

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