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DECREE No. _____/PM of 28 AOUT 2026
to set out the conditions and procedures for issuing licenses
to private education organisations

THE PRIME MINISTER, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT

- Mindful of** the Constitution;
- Mindful of** Law No. 98/004 of 14 April 1998, to lay down Guidelines for Education in Cameroon;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2004/022 of 22 July 2004, to lay down regulations relating to the organisation and operation of private Education in Cameroon;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2010/002 of 13 April 2010, to protect and promote persons with disabilities;
- Mindful of** Law No. 2018/010 of 11 July 2018, to govern vocational training in the Republic of Cameroon;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 92/089 of 4 May 1992, to specify the duties of the Prime Minister, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 95/145-bis of 4 August 1995;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2011/408 of 9 December 2011, to organise the Government, as amended and supplemented by Decree No. 2018/190 of 2 March 2018;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2012/267 of 11 June 2012, to organise the Ministry of Secondary Education;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2019/001 of 4 January 2019, to appoint a Prime Minister, Head of Government;
- Mindful of** Decree No. 2023/434 of 4 October 2023, to lay down the organisation and functioning of Teacher Training Colleges;
- Mindful of** Decree 2008/3043/PM of 15 December 2008, to lay down modalities for the organisation and operation of private Education in Cameroon,

HEREBY DECREES AS FOLLOWS.

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Article 1: (1) This decree sets out the conditions and procedures for issuing a licence to private education organisations.

(2) It is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Article 2 (3) of Decree No. 2023/434 of 4 October 2023, referred to above.

Article 2: For this decree, the following definitions shall apply:

License: an instrument by which the State acknowledges and publicly recognises the verification carried out on the quality of training programmes of study, organisation, operation, and fulfilment of social function of a private education institution;

Authorisation: the administrative procedure by which the State grants prior authorisation to a natural or legal person who meets the legal, technical, and administrative requirements to set up, open or upgrade a private Teacher Training College

Private education organisation: a legal entity governed by private law, possessing legal personality and administrative and financial autonomy, and belonging to one of the organisations of the proprietors of private schools and training institutions.

Organisation of Proprietors: a private-law legal entity, supervised by the Ministry of Secondary Education and endowed with legal personality, that brings together the proprietors of private schools and training colleges.

Article 3: Private teacher-training colleges are set up under the licensing system as defined in the aforementioned Decree No. 2023/434 of 4 October 2023.

Article 4: Every private educational organisation referred to in Article 2 above must be a member of one of the proprietors' organisations provided for by law.

Article 5: A Private Teacher Training College is an institution responsible for:

- initial training for teachers of nursery, primary, and post-primary education, and of the first cycle of technical and vocational secondary education;
- In-service professional development, which encompasses further training, refresher courses, and specialisation for teachers at these educational levels, as well as for pedagogic supervisors and school administrators, in collaboration with partner authorities;
- applied pedagogic research.

Article 6: Private training activities, provided in teacher training colleges, are carried out only during the day.

Article 7: The premises intended for the activities of private teacher training colleges are exclusively reserved for authorised training programmes of study and specialities.

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CHAPTER II

REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUING A LICENSE

Article 8: Issuing licences to private education organisations as referred to above is the prerogative of the Minister in charge of Teacher Training.

Article 9: (1) A technical commission, hereinafter referred to as the 'Commission', shall be set up to examine applications for licence and authorisation submitted by private education organisations.

(2) The Commission shall issue an opinion on all matters relating to applications for licence and/or authorisation to set up, open, or upgrade an education institution.

(3) The Commission shall comprise representatives from Ministries in charge of education and training and members of proprietors' organisations.

(4) The organisation and operation of the Commission shall be defined by a specific instrument issued by the Minister in charge of Teacher Training.

Article 10: (1) Issuing a licence shall require the submission of an application comprising the following documents:

- an application form stamped at the current rate;
- the articles of association of the body, company or association;
- the instrument designating the representative of the proprietor of the institution;
- a certified true copy of the receipt of registration of the association, where applicable;
- a certified true copy of the Police record of the legal representative of the private education organisation;
- a receipt of payment of the fee to process the application

(2) The application processing fee referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be determined by a decision of the Minister in charge of Teacher Training.

CHAPTER III :

PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING A LICENSE

Article 11: The application referred to in Article 11 above shall be submitted at the Regional Delegation of the Ministry in charge of Teacher Training, against a receipt, no later than 31 January of each year.

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Article 12: The Regional Delegate has fifteen (15) days to forward the application to the Minister in charge of Teacher Training, with his or her justified opinion.

Article 13: The Minister in charge of Teacher Training has thirty (30) days to forward the application to the "Commission" referred to in Article 10 above.

Article 14: The Commission shall have a maximum period of ninety (90) days, from the date of receipt of application files, to forward them, with a justified opinion, to the Minister in charge of Teacher Training.

Article 15: (1) The Minister in charge of Teacher Training shall issue a license via an order, taking into account the opinion of the "Commission" mentioned above.

(2) The order to grant a license shall specify the following:

- name of the organisation;
- type of education;
- location of the college;
- nature of the college: Traditional, Bilingual, Specialised;
- type of college: general or technical.

Article 16: (1) Unless otherwise decided by the Minister in charge of Teacher Training, the license shall be renewed tacitly at the end of the fifth year (5th).

(2) It is non-transferable and non-assignable.

Article 17: The license can be withdrawn because of the following causes:

- outright shutdown of the organisation's activities;
- the college's failure to comply with the syllabus or the teaching methods in force;
- gross misconduct in the administrative and financial management of the institution;
- prolonged inactivity on the part of the college.
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CHAPTER IV

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 18: Private Teacher Training Colleges operational, at the date of signature, shall have a period of one (1) year to comply with the provisions of this decree.

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Article 19: All previous provisions contrary to this decree are hereby repealed.

Article 20: This decree shall be registered and published according to the procedure of urgency, and inserted in the Official Gazette in English and French.

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