

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question 1 I am a registered teacher, how do I acquire a license to teach?

Answer:

- To acquire a Teaching license you have to pay an amount commensurate to your qualification E.g. PhD = N5, 000, Masters =N4, 000, Degree =N3, 000 and NCE = N2, 000 into TRCN account and submit the bank teller, your credentials, TRCN registration number and your signature for the processing of the license by the Council. The license is renewed after three (3) years.
- To maintain your professional status you must pay annual subscription and this is according to your qualification as mentioned above.
- TRCN license can be obtained in any TRCN state office including the FCT.

Question 2 Have registered with your Council, how do I get a confirmation to enable me get a teaching job in a foreign country?

Answer:

- You need to obtain a letter of professional standing from the Council which will attest to your Professional standing and confirm that you have not been convicted of any misconduct and have not breached any requirements of registration.
- To obtain letter of professional standing, you apply to the council along with photocopies of your credential, TRCN certificate, a letter of request for professional standing from the foreign country where you are seeking for employment, payment of thirty thousand naira (N30,000) to TRCN account and the teller attached to the application.

Question 3 What international relevance will TRCN certificate add to my teaching career in a foreign country?

Answer:

- Without the Council's Certificate and confirmation, you will not be recognized as a teacher anywhere in the world.
- The certificate will also improve your chances of gaining employment in the foreign country of your choice.

Question 4 Does TRCN have periodic publications?

Answer:

- Yes! TRCN has a lot of publications, e.g. The Nigerian Journal of Professional Teachers (NJPT) which is sold for N1, 000 per copy.

The Council also publish a Quarterly Professional Diary which is given free to all stakeholders within and outside Nigeria free of charge. Other publications include Code of Conduct, Introducing TRCN, Professional Standards for Nigerian Teachers, and National Benchmark for Post Graduate Diploma in Education. You can visit TRCN Website to read the publications and even download them as reference materials.

Question 5 What is TIP and TDC?

Answer:

- TIP and TDC are acronyms for Teachers Investigating Panel and Teachers Disciplinary Committee respectively. These are sub-organs of the Council established by law to enforce professional ethics and conduct in the teaching profession. While the TIP consists of a panel of 4 eminent teachers and a legal practitioner appointed for each of the 36 states of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT): the TDC is domiciled at TRCN Headquarters.
- The TIP investigates allegations of misconduct, violation of teachers' code of conduct, negligence or incompetence labeled against a registered professional teacher and report significant cases to the TDC for trial and sanction.

Question 6 Who Reports Observed Misconduct?

Answer:

- The law charges Heads of institutions to report violation of ethics to TIP. However, parents', students, NGOs and Civil Societies and the general public can as well report cases of violations to state TIPs for investigation.

Question 7 What constitute Misconduct?

Answer:

- Misconduct in the teaching profession is any act contravening the provisions of the Teachers Code of Conduct.

Question 8 What Constitute Negligence?

Answer:

- Any act of omission or commission by a teacher whose resultant impact translate into social, emotional, physical, educational or health hazard to a learner constitute an act of negligence

Question 9 What Constitute Incompetence?

Answer:

- The Professional Standard for Nigerian Teachers clearly spells out what a teacher should know and be able to translate into practice in furtherance of his duties.
- For the purpose of clarity. Sections two, three, four and five of the professional standards for Nigerian Teachers summarily itemize, knowledge, skills, values, attitudes, conducts and obligations a professional teacher must exhibit. These sections therefore provide yardstick and gauges for teacher competence or otherwise.

Question 10 What are the possible sanctions on teachers investigated with proven cases of violation of ethics, incompetence or negligence?

Answer

- Registered teachers confirmed to have violated code of ethics or adjudged incompetent or negligent on their duties stand the risk of fine, suspension for months and deletion of name from the Teachers Register. In extreme case of de-registration the person will cease to serve as a teacher anywhere in Nigeria.

Question 11 What happens if an unregistered teacher breaches the law?

Answer

- Teaching without registration and license is in itself a grievous offence.
- TIP protocol is meant for registered teachers only. However, the Council prosecutes unregistered teachers in Conventional courts and on multiple charges. First for teaching illegally and for breaching the code of practice.

Question 12 Is TRCN Recognized by other international professional regulatory bodies?

Answer:

TRCN is a prominent member of the world body of Teaching Councils called IFTRA - International Forum for Teaching Regulatory Authorities
TRCN is also a member and Headquarter of AFTRA - Africa Forum of Teaching Regulatory Authorities. You can visit them at:
<http://www.trcn.gov.ng/aftra> for more information

Question 13 What is the difference between IFTRA and AFTRA?

Answer:

- IFTRA is the international forum while AFTRA is the African forum.

Question 14 What Categories of Qualifications are Acceptable for Online registration?

Below is the breakdown of different categories from category A-D.

Online Registration for the different categories		
Category	Examples	Fee(₦)
A	PhD in education or PhD in any other field plus a certification in Education e.g. PGDE, NCE, Bsc Edu. etc	10,500
B	M.ED or Masters degree in any other field plus a certification in Education	8,500
C	B.Ed or Bachelors degree in any other field plus a certification in Education	6,500
D	National Certificate in Education.	3,500

Question 15 Can online registration be done by self, or proxy and how do I get to the website?

Answer:

- The TRCN application form requires information which is to be supplied online.
- To access the form, navigate to <http://www.trcn.gov.ng> go to Registration, Click online registration, go to application Submission System, Start a New eRegistration form. **OR log on to:** <http://www.enigeria.com.ng> and go to the *e-services* click on Teachers eRegistration.

Question 16 How do I pay my application registration fee?

Answer:

Payment for online registration would be done after the following condition have been certified.

- Educational certificate must be verified, scanned and uploaded
- The registration officer must fill the form online and generate application code for the applicants.
- After completion of your application form, you can take your application code number to any Skye Bank and present it at the teller window. They will further assist you in making the necessary payment.

Question 17 An agent registered me in one of the states in Nigeria and when I came to Abuja TRCN headquarter my data could not be accessed.

Answer:

- The applicant will have to come with his/her credentials, bank teller of payment and online application code. When these are supplied, the online registration officer will trace the branch of the bank where payment was made to verify if the transaction has been posted or not. If that is done, the online registration officer will process his/her application.

Question 18 If I did manual registration can I revalidate my registration online?

Answer:

- Yes but the candidate must provide these documents:
- The applicant is expected to come with the certificate issued during the first registration together with the following items:-
- A passport photograph.
- A copy of your original certificate(s) of qualification.
- A copy of an attestation letter from a judge, head of institution, lawyer, clergy or a senior civil servant.
- Your Employment letter or Local government certificate.

Question 19 Is it compulsory that I come to TRCN Abuja to be registered online?

Answer:

- No, TRCN has branch offices in the 36 states of the Federation including FCT. To register online anywhere in Nigeria, locate TRCN office in your state where you will be linked up with e-Registration agent through the TRCN state coordinator for your online Registration.

Question 20 If I wish to change my name as a result of marital status to reflect on my certificate what do I do?

Answer:

- The applicants must provide a change of name advert or marriage certificate for documentation which will be noted for update in the TRCN database.

Question 21 How do I contribute to the Nigerian Journal of Professional Teachers?

Answer:

- A Registered Teacher who has written a research article can send it to the Council web-site email: nigerianjournal@trcn.gov.ng

Question 22 What are Professional Standards?

Answer:

- Professional Standards are features of every profession. Now that teaching functions as a profession, it implies that teaching must operate within code of ethics or standardized instruments or documents called professional standards, which are clearly and precisely defined practices, core values, ideals and conduct which the teacher is expected and must exhibit as a professional. They refer to a minimum set of knowledge, skills, values, attitude, conduct, right, privileges and obligations.
- Please for more details refer to the publication of TRCN "Professional Standards for Nigerian Teachers."

Question 23 What is the relationship between TRCN and subject associations/unions?

Answer:

- TRCN is the only professional agency that identify with all professional associations/unions at all levels of education, irrespective of level. It is

an umbrella which unifies the teaching profession. It enable members to speak with one voice for the good of the profession. The annual conference of registered teachers provides the forum for cross-fertilization of ideas.

Question 24 I am a degree holder without teaching qualification, how do I become a professional teacher?

Answer:

- To become a professional teacher you need to obtain professional Diploma in Education (PDE) or Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) certificates.
The two programmes are post graduate programs that qualify one to be a professional teacher.