

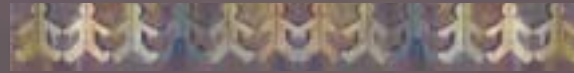


Qualifications Evaluation Council of Ontario

Guide To A QECO Student Evaluation



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Student Application Frequently Asked Questions

Application and Institutions:

Q. I had been to several post secondary institutions before I graduated from university. Does QECO want documents from those institutions?

A. Absolutely! Please provide an official transcript from all post-secondary institutions you have attended. If your degree includes credits that were transferred from another institution then QECO will require a letter from the registrar of the institution you graduated from indicating the specific basis for the transfer credit by course number and institution.

Q. Should I have my transcripts sent from the institutions directly to QECO?

A. You can, right up to July 15, but it is better if you collect up all those documents and place them in the envelope with your application. Providing all your documents together in one mailing speeds up the process. It can often take a very long time for QECO to receive all the transcripts from many institutions and match them with the right applications.

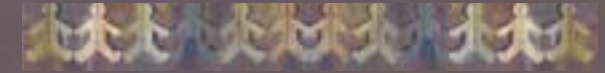
Notification:

Q. Do the faculties of education automatically notify QECO of courses that I have taken?

A. No, teachers are responsible for sending all pertinent documentation to QECO.

Q. Does the College of Teachers automatically send information about my certification to QECO?

A. No, the teacher must submit all documentation to QECO.



Category Placement:

Q. Will a Masters in Education degree automatically place me in Category A4?

A. No, it depends on what other qualifications you have. An approved Master's degree must be exclusive of basic teacher training in order to be accepted as a Master's degree on the QECO General Studies chart of program 5.

Q. What category will a 4-year degree usually merit?

A. This depends on the marks you obtained in individual courses within the degree as well as the overall standing or Grade Point Average you have attained. A 4-year Ontario university degree, exclusive of basic and mandatory teacher training for certification with at least a B- average will likely merit a Category A3 placement.

Q. Why did I receive a different category placement than my colleague who has the same qualifications?

A. Evaluation of teacher qualifications is complex and is based on: the type of degree; number of courses; subject areas and grades received. These factors often account for differences in category placements for teachers who appear on the surface to have the same qualifications.



Good luck in your teaching career!

*Further information and applications visit
the QECO website: www.qeco.on.ca*



Welcome to QECO

Teachers have always been, and continue to be, our primary focus at QECO. We understand how important it is to you as you embark on your career to be professionally and personally recognized for your hard work, and for the commitment you have made to education.

Since 1969, QECO has evaluated the academic qualifications of hundreds of thousands of Ontario teachers. School boards in Ontario rely on QECO evaluations as a consistent, reliable system of category placement to ensure you obtain the salary you deserve. In fact, nearly a million Statements and Letters of Evaluation have been issued by QECO to date.

You are eligible for a QECO student evaluation if:

- You are enrolled in an Ontario faculty of education
- You are going to graduate this year
- QECO receives your application between January 1 and April 30 (no exceptions)
- All your supporting documentation is received by July 15 (no exceptions).

Application and Eligibility

As a student of a faculty of education in Ontario, you are likely to accept a position to teach in the province very soon. Your publicly funded school board employer may request from you a QECO Statement of Evaluation or a Student Letter of Evaluation which they require so you can be paid at the category you deserve. Without a QECO evaluation, you will be paid by your school board at the lowest level until you obtain your evaluation. QECO is pleased to offer you this service at no cost and welcomes your application which may be completed on or printed from the QECO website: www.qeco.on.ca

Documents Required with the Student Application

- Original transcripts of all formal studies before your teacher training. (degrees, diplomas, extra courses etc.)
Transcripts of the B.Ed. degree are not necessary at this time;
- In the case of concurrent education programs, provide your transcripts including courses in progress. QECO will send you subsequent instructions if more information is required.
- Students whose postsecondary training was obtained outside of North America must consult the website for information specifically for them.

Limited Student Service

The QECO Student Application is a courtesy that is financially supported by the members of the three sponsoring affiliates AEFO, ETFO and OECTA. It is the only QECO service eligible to you until you become a member of one of the above affiliates.

QECO services for which students are not eligible include:

- Formal upgrading advice
- An application for re-evaluation
- Telephone advice
- Requests for an appeal of a category placement

These services are only available once a teacher is certified and can provide proof of employment. More information is available on the website.

TIP

Applications are often processed quicker if all the documents are submitted with the application. While it is common for applicants to submit an application and then request transcripts to be sent directly from the institutions, there is no assurance that they will be sent and received quickly, thus the process may be slowed considerably.

