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FROM THE MINISTRY

Greetings and welcome to the second edition of The SOL Educator Times, a monthly newsletter from the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD), supported by Stronger Education Together (SET).

This newsletter aims to leverage the MEHRD communication plan to provide effective communication, learning resources, teaching tips, activities, and ongoing support for teachers' professional growth.

This issue features MEHRD teachers' registration compliance, a teachers' guide, and support from MEHRD development partners. We are pleased to offer informative and inspiring content to enrich your professional journey.

We invite you to share your thoughts, suggestions, and contributions for future editions. Your feedback is highly valued. Thank you, and we look forward to keeping you informed and inspired.

Dr. Franco Rodie

Permanent Secretary

Teacher Registration Compliance



Right to Left:
Chief Education
Officer, Davis
Pitamama
and Principal
Education Officer,
Loke Sorengana
displaying
the Teachers'
Registration
Certificates.

The Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD) has established the Registration Unit to administer and manage the registration of teachers, schools and Education Providers.

Teachers' registration is mandatory in compliance with the Education Act 2023, which took effect as of January 1, 2024.

The essential requirements set forth by the Education Act 2023 and the Education Regulation regarding Teacher Registration are:

1. Qualification in Subject Taught:

Complying with the provisions of the Education 2023, it is imperative that all teachers are qualified in the subjects they teach.

2. Eligibility Requirements for Full Registration:

- Subject to Section 37 of the Education Act 2023, all teachers must meet the eligibility requirements for full registration.

- Teachers will be unable to commence employment until registered with the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Division.

3. Full Registration or Provisional Registration:

Teachers must meet the eligibility requirements for full registration or be granted provisional registration.

4. Conditions of Registration:

- Teachers are required to comply with the conditions of registration.
- It is essential to ensure that information on the register is kept up-to-date.
- Teachers must remain a fit and proper person to be registered as a teacher.

5. Authority to Impose Registration Conditions:

The Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development may impose registration conditions, suspend or cancel registration, or disqualify a teacher from being registered for unsatisfactory performance, incapacity, misconduct, or if no longer a fit and proper person to be registered as a teacher.



Did You Know...

Year 12 students performed strongest in Computer Studies, achieving 90.3% national results in 2025.

MEHRD Launches Historic National TVET Policy



From left: New Zealand High Commissioner H.E. Jonathan Andrew Curr, Minister of Education Hon. Tozen Leokana, Permanent Secretary Dr. Franco Rodie and Australia High Commissioner H.E. Jeff Roach displaying copies of the TVET Policy.

The Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD) has launched the country's first national TVET Policy, a major milestone aimed at strengthening skills training and creating clearer learning and career pathways for young Solomon Islanders.

This policy places technical and vocational education at the centre of national development - no longer as an alternative to academic learning, but as a key contributor to economic growth and workforce readiness.

During the launch, Minister Tozen Leokana described the policy as a structural reform that will reshape

how education responds to national needs, highlighting TVET as a core pillar for economic reform and self-reliance, supported by MEHRD and development partners.

Australian High Commissioner Jeff Roach and New Zealand High Commissioner Jonathan Curr both welcomed the policy, reaffirming continued support for strengthening TVET institutions and training quality.

With one unified national framework, TVET providers can now improve training quality, reduce early school leaving and help teachers better equip students with practical skills for lifelong productivity.

Honiara Schools urged to update school data on SIEMIS online

All Honiara schools must start updating their school data directly on the Solomon Islands Education Management Information System (SIEMIS) online.

The Information Services Division within the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD) made this appeal as they will conduct two activities in February and March 2026.

These activities include the distribution of the school survey forms and the verification of data.

The survey forms will be sent to

Education Providers and schools from the second week of February. The due date for the submission of the survey forms to MEHRD is on March 31st, 2026.

The data verification for Honiara schools and selected schools from Guadalcanal Province will be conducted in February and March 2026.

Having proper data is a requirement to accurately calculate school grants, teachers' postings and assessments that schools, education providers and MEHRD administer.

QUICK TIPS

► Wellbeing

- **Celebrate Small Wins:** Acknowledge one thing that went well each day - a calm lesson or a student breakthrough.
- **"Switch-Off" Times:** Choose a cut-off time in the evening where school work stops. Protecting personal time improves long-term wellbeing.
- **Be Kind to Yourself:** Teaching is demanding. Progress is more important than perfection.
- **Breathe! Try the "4-4-6" method:** inhale 4s, hold 4s, exhale 6s. Great for grounding during stressful moments.

► Technology

- **Use AI-powered tools** (like Copilot or other lesson generators) to quickly draft lesson outlines, quizzes, or discussion questions.
- **Save time by creating reusable templates** in Google Docs or Microsoft Word for weekly plans.
- **Use shortcuts:** Learn one new keyboard shortcut each week (like Ctrl+Z to undo).
- **Set timers:** Use your phone or a free online timer to keep activities on track.

► Child Protection

- **Encourage kindness and inclusion** to reduce bullying and isolation.
- **Teach students about safe internet use** and the importance of not sharing personal information online.
- **Monitor classroom devices** for inappropriate content or cyberbullying.
- **Know your school's child-protection policy** and reporting procedures.