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Provincial Councils Notifications

NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Regulations under Wayamba (NWP) Early Childhood Education Statute No. 4 of 2003

THE following regulations are hereby published by virtue of the powers vested with the Minister in charge of the subject, under Section No. 27 of the Wayamba Early Childhood Education Statute No. 4 of 2003.

The said regulations will be effective from the date of publishing.

ATHULA SARATH KUMARA WIJESINGHE,
Chief Minister of North Western Province and
Provincial Minister of Finance, Planning,
Law and Order, Local Government, Environment,
Manpower, Education, Road, Transport and
Women Development.

Chief Ministry,
“Maligawa”,
Kurunegala,
26th May, 2005.

FIRST SCHEDULE

STANDARDS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

The following standards will be prescribed for establishing Early Childhood Education Development Centers and for reorganizing the existing centers according to standards.

01. *Site and Environment* :

The proposed site should be—

- (1) Free of natural disasters and danger.
- (2) Void of environmental pollutants mentioned in the Environmental statute passed by the North Western Provincial Council
- (3) Void of an environment undersirable to children’s mentality and character development.
- (4) An area of low density of population and traffic.
- (5) 100 meters away from an undersirable environment, if located close to such area.

02. *Safety of the Centre :*

- (1) The Premises should be encircled by a parapet wall or a safety fence with gates.
- (2) There should be proper security arrangements for the safety of the children.
- (3) Installation of electrical appliances should be in such a way that the safety of children is ensured.
- (4) Equipment used should conform to the required standards and it should be ensured that such equipment do not affect the safety and health of children.

03. *Buildings and Accommodation :*

- (1) Every building should be a permanent one. If it is a temporary or a semi-permanent building there should be a fitness certificate issued by a technical officer attached to a Govt. Dept, Provincial Council or Pradeshiya Sabha.
- (2) The floor of the building should be covered with cement or similar stuff and the walls of the building should consist of doors and windows which provide ventilation to the building. The space provided for doors and windows should be 1/7 or more of the total wall area.
- (3) Each child should be provided with a minimum space of 10 square feet.

04. *Common Amenities :*

There should be—

- (1) An adequate water supply for drinking and other purposes.
- (2) A water sealed latrine system providing one latrine for 25 children.
- (3) A sufficient play area or a yard and an adequate quantity of sports equipment which contribute to develop the activities of children.

SECOND SCHEDULE

QUALIFICATIONS FOR INSTRUCTORS ATTACHED TO A EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

- (1) The basic qualifications for recruitment.

(a) *General Qualifications :*

- (i) Should be a Citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (ii) Should be a Permanent resident in the North Western Province.
- (iii) Should be within the age limit of 18 - 45 years.
- (iv) Should be of a sound health condition.

(b) *Educational Qualifications :*

- (i) Ordinary passes in 6 subjects at the G.C.E. (O/L) examination, including Sinhala/Tamil, Mathematics and Aesthetic subjects with 3 credits and 3 subjects at and the G.C.E. (A/L).

Those Early Childhood Education Development instructors who have been employed by the effective date of these regulations will be exempted from these qualifications.

(c) *Professional Qualifications :*

- (i) Should possess one year Diploma Certificate issued by the Wayamba Pre-School Teacher Training Institute or One Year Pre-School Diploma Certificate issued by the Open University or Similar or Higher Diploma Certificate acceptable to the Board of Management.
- (ii) Those Instructors who are already employed without having the said Qualifications will be given a period of 3 years to gain the above Qualifications from the date of enforcement of this *Gazette* notification.

- (2) (a) Early Childhood Education Development Centers should be registered with the Early Childhood Education Development Authority.
- (b) Registration should be done by the Director and the Registration Number of each person should be notified to the applicant or to the Department concerned.
- (c) An application form prepared according to the Appendix I should be used to obtain the particulars regarding qualifications and personal details for registration.

THIRD SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

The requirements for registration of Early Childhood Education Development Centers are given below :

01. The Early childhood Education Development Centers which had been established prior to the enforcement of this Statute as defined by the Statute, and the centers established after the enforcement of the statute should be registered within 3 months from the effective date of this notification. The centers expected to be established in future should be registered before the commencement of such centers. An application form prepared according to appendix 2, should be submitted to the Director of the authority and the approval of the Board of Management should be obtained for the purpose of registration. Non-registration of a center shall be an offence under this Statute. These requirements will be applicable to all institutions involved in child development activities.
02. On receiving an application for registration of a center, the Director should give his approval for that application, on the recommendation of Board of Management, and issue a certificate prepared according to Appendix 3, for conducting a center, and it should be sent to the applicant. If the, registration is refused, the reasons for such refusal too should be intimated to the applicant.
03. A service fee of Rs. 500 should be paid for registration.

04. (a) In case of refusal of registration by the Board of Management, an appeal could be submitted to the Minister within 21 days of such refusal.
- (b) The Minister may give his decision on the appeal, after consulting the Board of Management. The decision of the Minister shall be final and conclusive. The appellant should be informed of such decision through the Director within 21 days.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

SUPERVISION AND MONITORING OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

01. Early Childhood Education Centers should be supervised at least once a year by the Director or by the officers appointed by him.
02. The supervision should be done, using the form approved by the Board of Management to maintain uniformity and quality of the centers.
03. If there is any shortcoming revealed in supervision, the Director should inform the Heads of Department, of such shortcomings in order to effect qualitative development in such centers.
04. A committee consisting of 3 persons should be appointed by the Board of Management to inspect the centers that fail to overcome the shortcomings pointed out. The Director should act on the recommendations of the committee and cancel the registration, if so recommended.
05. When the registration is cancelled, it is an offence to continue functioning of the centre.
06. The Board of Management, with the concurrence of the Minister, should prepare a syllabus that will contribute to the quality development of the children.

The proposed syllabus should support : -

- (a) To develop experience through perception ;
- (b) To character development through simple activities and to create an environment inducing children to act on their own.
- (c) To promote physical and environmental health through ordinary health habits.
- (d) For physical development and enhancement of manipulative skills.
- (e) To promote intellectual creativity.
- (f) To develop ability to face challenges.
- (g) To promote, peace, harmony and cordiality.
- (h) To promote personality through sports and other activities to be in a satisfactory mood inside and outside the centre.
- (i) To form a foundation for future education.