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Consultation on English Language Teaching (ELT) Council Regulation

Feedback from : EC Malta

OPINION

- 1) There is a typo mistake on the last page of the main document in the table marked "School category table" - Category C schools should read "12,000 and NOT 12,00"
 - 2) Can we please have clarification that the fact that a school licence lasts for 4 years, this does not change the existing licencing process whereby schools are visited annually to assess strengths and weaknesses and identify any corrective action. In fact, if the visits are annual I do not see the need for a 4 year licence – surely it should be continuous – as it is now (unless the criteria are not met or corrective action is not followed up)?
 - 3) Also – can you clarify the situation for schools advertising themselves as licenced? Does clause 9.4 allow a school to advertise its school as licenced without the risk of the licence being lost?
 - 4) Can we get a better definition of "ESP" in the documentation to make it clear that this does not apply to more generic English courses such as "Business English"
 - 5) We are not in favour of the requirement for teachers to possess a "SEPTT" certificate because a spoken English "examination" already exists as an integral part of the TEFL exam.
 - 6) We feel that although the new fee for teachers to pay for their ELT permit may be low, it is still an extra cost for teachers. Can we at least ask for a survey of teachers and Directors of Studies to assess the possible impact of this? We do not want to restrict the supply of teachers to our industry unnecessarily or without at least assessing the impact.
 - 7) Similarly, can we have a survey of all schools to assess the impact of the increased CPD requirements for teachers? Perhaps the ELT council could offer a period after which these conditions need to be met by schools (e.g. 3 years) during which time the government sponsor or subsidise extra CPD training for English teachers to ensure the condition is achievable?
 - 8) Finally - I think it would be good to have a clear chart showing all the possible costs for each band (size) of school comparing 2014 to 2015 onwards so we can all assess the overall financial impact of these new regulations
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