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Consultation on English Language Teaching (ELT) Council Regulation

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OPINION

First of all could you kindly pass on my congratulations and thanks to all involved for all the hard work put into the new regulations and also for giving us an opportunity to participate through our feedback. I have been involved in the local EFL industry for a very long time and I am pleased to see the industry constantly improving and becoming more professional.

I have a few queries:

1) What will happen to people who are already running certified TEFL Courses? Will they be required to get new qualifications or can they continue running courses? The same goes for Directors of Studies. While the number is decreasing there are still some teachers who have been teaching since before the first regulations came out. Will they be required to get qualifications?

2) (c) a certificate of participation, within the last three years from the scheduled date of commencement of the training course, at periodical continual professional development programmes conducted by international ELT authorities for a minimum of six hours as approved by the Council; or to more hours as the Council may determine from time to time;

What happens if there are no relevant programmes conducted by international ELT authorities locally for some time? Will we be required to travel overseas to fulfill this requirement?

I also feel the last line leaves things too open. While it is good not to tie the Council's hands I feel regulations cannot be open ended to remain fair and transparent. Could the line be changed to "or to more hours as the Council may determine after having given a two year notice"?

3) What happens if someone is fulfilling more than one role? Will someone teaching at a school and also conducting Distance Learning need 2 permits for example?

4) Have teachers been asked for their feedback on these regulations. I think it would be good to involve them.
