

## Public consultation online

Consultation on English Language Teaching (ELT) Council Regulation

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### **OPINION**

Regarding 2.5 (about CPD) 1. Will certified attendance to in-house CPD workshops which we develop, based on our own class observations, be accepted? 2. If so, would we need to submit the info to the ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING COUNCIL (ELTC) before each workshop for approval? 3. Are my calculations right here: Summer Teachers (normally work maximum of 120hrs a year) would need 4hrs of CPD, Core Teachers (normally work maximum of 360hrs a year) would need 9hrs of CPD?

All (TEFL) teachers who undertook courses i.e. TEFL, EFL, TESOL, CELTA and so on, did so to gain the qualifications needed in order to teach English As A Foreign Language. As time has passed the demands and professionalism of the sector has grown. Most have tried and will still try to keep abreast of courses/workshops, which many attend under the membership of MATEFL. I believe the argument here has always been that mainstream School teachers are recognized and TEFL Teachers are not! As far as I am concerned we are all teachers. The difference is that TEFL is what it stands for Teaching English As A Foreign Language! The fee is the government's way of making us pay for our licence! If school teachers have a lifetime warrant then so should all TEFL teachers! The question is not about €20 now, but in time - if the government is allowed to get away with it, our permits will be a costly one!

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