

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The Ministry of Education is responsible for formulation of all policies on education, including apprenticeships and wider skills acquisition in Ghana.

1. What laws established the Ministry of Education?

- The Civil Service Law 327 and under the PNDC Law 1993.

2. When was the Ministry formed?

- 1957

3. What is the mandate of the Ministry of Education?

- To provide relevant education to all Ghanaians.

4. Give the mission of the Ministry of Education.

- To formulate and implement policies that would ensure quality and accessible education to all Ghanaian with requisite skills to achieve human development, good health.

5. What are the core functions of the Ministry of Education?

- Plan, Develop, and implement educational policies and programmes;
- Monitor and evaluate the performance of Government Policies and Programmes and Donor funded Projects and Programmes;
- Maintain an efficient Education Management Information System to meet local and international standards;
- Develop and support programmes, services and activities geared towards adult literacy, skills development, personal and national development;
- Advise Government on Education Policies and Issues;
- Provide guidance in the management of educational institutions and affiliated agencies;
- Manage the provision of library services to the citizenry towards the development of a literate society;
- Provide quality assurance and supervision of Pre-Tertiary and Tertiary Institutions;
- Manage the conduct of Examination and Certification;
- Development of curriculum and assessment;
- Manage mandatory National Service Scheme.

6. What are the agencies of the Ministry of Education?

- Ghana Education Service
- National Accreditation Board (NAB)
- West Africa Examination Council (WAEC)
- Council For Technical And Vocational Training (COTVET)
- The National Board For Professional And Technician Examinations (NABPTEx)
- National Council For Tertiary Education (NCTE)
- Ghana Library Authority (GLA)
- Ghana Academy of Art and Science
- Funds And Procurement Management Unit
- Ghana National Commission For UNESCO

7. Which of the agencies of the Ministry of Education is considered as the Parent Agency?

- The Ghana Education Service.
- 8. Which of the agencies of the Ministry of Education is considered as the Child Agency of the Ministry of Education?
 - National Accreditation Board
- 9. Who was the first Minister of Education?
 - The first Minister of Education in Ghana was J.B. Erzuah under the Nkrumah government in 1957.
- 10. Who is the current Minister of Education?**
 - Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh

THE GHANA EDUCATION SERVICE

The Ghana Education Service is responsible for the implementation of approved national policies and programmes relating to pre-tertiary education.

1. When was GES established?

- 1974

2. What Decree, Act or Law established the GES?

- It was established as a part of the Public Services of Ghana by the National Redemption Council under the National Redemption Council Decree (NRCD 247).
- It was later amended by the NRCD 252, NRCD 357 and the Supreme Military Council Decree (SMCD 63).
- All the earlier legislations have subsequently been amended by Acts of Parliament; Act 506 (1994) and Act 778 (2008).

3. What is the Vision of GES?

- To create an enabling environment in all educational institutions and management positions that will facilitate effective teaching and learning and efficiency in the management of the attainment of the goals of the Service.

4. State the Mandate of the GES.

- GES is responsible for the implementation of pre-tertiary educational policies of the Government to ensure that all Ghanaian children of school-going age irrespective of tribe, gender, disability, religious and political affiliations are provided with good quality formal education.

5. What are the Objectives of GES?

- Increase inclusive and equitable access to and participation in education at all levels
- Ensure provision of life skills training and management of personal hygiene, family life, gender, health, HIV/AIDS/STIs, etc.
- Improve the quality of teaching and learning
- Improve the Management of education service delivery

6. Give the functions of the GES.

- Providing and overseeing Basic Education, Senior High Education, Technical Education as well as Special Education.
- Registering, supervising and inspecting private pre-tertiary educational institutions.
- Submitting recommendations to the Minister of Education for educational policies and programmes.
- Promoting the efficiency and full growth of talents amongst its members.
- Registering teachers and updating the register of all teachers in the public system.
- Carrying out other functions that influence the attainment of the functions specified above.
- Maintaining professional standards and conduct of its personnel.

7. What are the 4 main programmes being ran currently by GES?

- Pre-tertiary education management including Headquarters Divisions, Regional and District directorates
- Basic Education, comprising Kindergarten, Primary and Junior High Schools
- Secondary Education comprising SHS and TVET
- Special and Inclusive Education

8. Give the Divisions of the GES.

a) Guidance And Counselling (G&C) Unit

A division whose main goal is to help individuals discover and develop their educational, vocational and psychological potentials and consequently achieve an optimal level of personal happiness.

b) School Health Education Programme (SHEP) Unit

This unit's mandate is to ensure that comprehensive health and nutrition education and related support services are provided in schools to equip children with basic life skills for healthy living, which will lead to improvements in child survival and educational outcomes, including school enrolment, retention and academic performance.

c) Special Education Division (SPED)

This division is responsible for creating equal educational opportunities for learners and young people with disabilities and special educational needs by providing suitable and sustainable support structures in an inclusive school environment.

d) Secondary Education Division

This division assists the Ghana Education Service to implement and monitor Ministry of Education policies, provide guidelines on equitable access to education, improve quality education, effectively manage education, and promote and demystify Science, Mathematics, Technology & Engineering at the Second Cycle level.

e) Basic Education Division

This division consists of the main section and three other units: Early Childhood Education Unit (ECE), Private Schools Unit and the Girls' Education Unit (GEU). Its mandate is to ensure basic education in the country is delivered effectively and efficiently.

f) Technical and Vocational Education Division

This division is responsible for the implementation of pre-tertiary Technical and Vocational Education under the Ministry of Education.