

## **Jamaica Teaching Council (JTC)**



### **ULTIMATE GOAL**

To raise student achievement levels by improving teaching and learning experiences in all classrooms in Jamaica.

### **MISSION**

To cause the teaching profession to continuously strive for excellence in raising aspirations and achievements that lead to beneficial educational outcomes for all learners.

## **What is the JTC about?**

The Jamaica Teaching Council (JTC) is a response to the Task Force on Educational Reform Report (2004) outlining the vital role of teachers in increasing the achievement levels of children. The JTC was established in order to resolve issues and develop an effective and efficient teaching service responsive to the changing needs of society.



## **Our Objectives**

1. To set and maintain professional standards-quality delivery of education fostered by competency, commitment and accountability
2. To improve the conditions of service of teachers and enhance the status of the profession
3. To review and advise the Minister of Education on critical policy directions
4. To ensure the efficient and effective management of JTC

The Council is a body that will:

1. Regulate the teaching profession by:
  - Registering all teachers
  - Establishing a code of ethics for the profession
  - Establishing professional standards
  - Monitoring and evaluating the performance
  - Fostering accountability
2. Build and maintain competencies by:
  - Establishing Teacher Resource Centres
  - Establishing an online library
  - Enabling peer support
  - Advancing use of technology
  - Enabling a 21st century teaching profession
3. Raise the public status of the teachers and teaching by:
  - Recognizing excellence
  - Promoting desirability of the profession
  - Advocating for public support

## Our Key Concerns

- ◆ Efficiency and effectiveness
- ◆ Sustainability
- ◆ Harnessing and channeling existing resources
- ◆ New resources to be value added
- ◆ Identifying and streamlining relevant projects, programmes and structures
- ◆ Limitations - size of population and geographical distribution of teaching force

## What is the JTC doing now?

Completing the registration process:

- Serving teachers will be able to go online, enter their Tax Registration Number (TRN) and add and validate their personal information
- New teachers will be able to register online
- JTC Website is under construction to permit public access to information
- Setting standards for the profession

Establish Standard Setting Committee to:

- Prepare Code of Ethics
- Set Standards of Performance at all levels of the profession

Provide public access to information through:

- Public Dialogue

Data Management:

- Maintaining an updated teacher databank

## Quality Education Circles

To reach all teachers, the JTC will work through Quality Education Circles.



Quality Education Circles (QEC) is an education community that is used as a strategy to facilitate progress in achievement. A QEC is geographically defined within parish borders. It will include all levels of education within the location and a Teacher Resource Centre (TRC) established within an existing institution with appropriate facilities. The TRC will be a repository for materials on the teaching profession



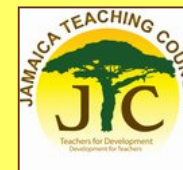
The JTC as it emerges uses a participatory approach

**How many QECs will there be?**

There will be approximately 60 throughout Jamaica.

**How will QECs benefit the education system?**

- Improve Visibility
- Encourage relevance to local needs
- Promote peer support among teachers
- Facilitate a platform for the exchange of ideas and public participation



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