

## **Entering the Profession**

Through the enforcement of the Teachers and Educational Personnel Council Act B.E. 2546, enacted on 12 June B.E. 2546, Professional Educators, namely Teachers, Educational Institution Administrators and Education Administrators and Other Educational Personnel designated in the ministerial regulations must have a license to practice in the profession. Those practicing the profession before the legislation took effect, are given the right to apply for a license to practice. The Act also creates professional standards, suitable for professional practice, to allow those who want to practice the profession after the valid enforcement of the Act, to develop knowledge and experience in accordance with the established standards in order to apply for the license and to use it to show that they have qualifications in accordance with the established standards and that they are well-equipped to practice. KHURUSAPHA, then, issued its regulations on Professional Standards and Ethics B.E. 2547 effective from 9 December B.E. 2547 and its regulations on Professional Standards and Ethics B.E. 2548 effective from 5 September B.E. 2548.

Those who want to have a profession in education shall have to go through the following process in obtaining a professional license:

1. Those who want to work in the teaching profession must meet any one of the following:
  - (1) Those with a degree in education or other degrees decided by Gor Kor(the Teachers' Committee) to fit in the employment and appointment of a teaching post before the effective date of the Teachers and Educational Personnel Council Act B.E. 2546, are able to use such qualifications in applying for a professional license up until 11 June B.E. 2549;
  - (2) Those with a degree in education which includes teaching practices in an institution not exceeding one year according to the curriculum for the degree in education or the equivalent degree or other qualifications certified by KHURUSAPHA ;
  - (3) Those with the qualifications other than the ones in (1) and (2), if they want to enter the profession must be certified on professional knowledge and experience by KHURUSAPHA stating that they have knowledge and experience equivalent to that established by standards through the transfer of knowledge, testing and training in accordance with the criteria prescribed by KHURUSAPHA, before applying for the license for professional practice.
2. Those who want to work in the professions of Educational Institution Administrators, Education Administrators, and Other Educational Personnel must have the following qualifications:
  - (1) A license for the teaching profession
  - (2) Professional knowledge and experience according to professional standards in the Regulations of KHURUSAPHA on Professional Standards and Ethics B.E. 2548.