

The Registration of Private Schools Ordinance, 1962 (East Pakistan Ordinance)

(Ordinance NO. XX OF 1962)

An Ordinance to provide for the registration of private schools in Bangladesh.^{1♣ ♠}

WHEREAS, in order to supervise and regulate the working of private schools in Bangladesh, it is expedient to provide for registration of such schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, in pursuance of the Presidential Proclamation of the seventh day of October, 1958, and in exercise of all powers enabling him in that behalf, the Governor is pleased to make and promulgate the following Ordinance, namely:-

**Short title,
extent and
commencement**

1. (1) This Ordinance may be called the ²[* * *] Registration of Private Schools Ordinance, 1962.

(2) It extends to the whole of Bangladesh.

(3) It shall come into force on such date or dates and in such area or areas as the Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, appoint and specify.

Definitions

2. In this Ordinance, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

³[(a) “Appellate Authority” means-

(i) in respect of an order made by the Divisional Deputy Director, the Director General, Directorate of Primary Education;

(ii) in respect of an order made by the Regional Deputy Director, the Director General, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education; and

(iii) in other cases, the Government;]

(b) "children" means boys and girls above the age of four and below the age of eighteen receiving instructions at any stage of education;

⁴[(bb) "higher secondary education" means education pertaining to classes XI and XII and includes courses equivalent to "A" level of any foreign educational institution;]

(c) "Junior ⁵[Secondary] School education" means education pertaining to Classes VI, VII and VIII and includes a course of study for Junior Cambridge Examination;

⁶[(d) "local council" means a Union Parishad, Upazila Parishad, Paurashava, Zila Parishad and a Municipal Corporation;]

⁷[(dd) "nursery" means and includes Child-Care, Day-Care, Mother-Care or any other Centre, by whatever name called, imparting education to boys and girls not exceeding the age of 6 years;]

(e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Ordinance;

(f) "primary education" means education pertaining to Classes I, II, III, IV and V and includes all courses of study in the Nursery, Preparatory and Kindergarten Schools;

⁸[(g) "private school" means any ⁹[institution including "O" and "A" level, Nursery, Junior Cambridge, Senior Cambridge, International Baccalaureate or equivalent institution established] and run by a person or body of persons, not being the Government or a local council for the purpose of imparting organised instruction to ten or more children at a time, but shall not include an institution which is recognised by the Government or a Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education or other prescribed authority;

(h) "Registering Authority" means-

(i) in the case of private schools imparting secondary education ¹⁰[and higher secondary education], the concerned Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education or other prescribed authority;

(ii) in the case of private schools imparting Junior Secondary School Education, the Directorate General, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, or the Regional Deputy Director, if so authorised by the Director General, Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education; and

(iii) in the case of private schools imparting primary education, the Director General, Director of Primary Education or the Divisional Deputy Director, if so authorised by the Director General, Directorate of Primary Education, and]

(i) “secondary education” means education pertaining to Classes IX and X and includes courses of study for Senior Cambridge and Cambridge School Certificate Examinations ¹¹[and includes “O” level of any foreign educational institution and equivalent thereof].

**Prohibition
against
establishing
or
continuing
a private
school
without
registration**

3. No private school shall be established or run except in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Application
for
registration**

4. (1) Any person intending to establish a private school and any person intending that a private school already in existence should be continued as such, shall make an application to the Registering Authority in the prescribed form accompanied by the prescribed registration fee.

(2) The Registering Authority, on receipt of the application, shall make such enquiries as he considers necessary in order to satisfy himself-

(a) that the buildings and premises will provide adequate facilities with due regard to hygiene;

(b) that the staff will be qualified, adequate and adequately paid according to prescribed standards;