

APPENDIX 1

Election Timetable 2010

DETAILS	DATE	TIME	
1. Establishment of provisional electoral roll	December 2009	n/a	
2. Prepare a notice of election	January 2010	n/a	
3. Post notice of election	26 February 2010	n/a	
4. Qualifying date	18 March 2010	n/a	*
5. Opening date of nomination period	19 March 2010	n/a	
6. Nomination period closes	16 April 2010	noon	*
7. Deadline for statement and or photograph to be received by the returning officer	16 April 2010	noon	*
8. Decision on validity/invalidity of nominations	30 April 2010	noon	
9. Deadline for appeals of nominations previously deemed invalid	7 May 2010	noon	*
10. Deadline for withdrawal of nominations	7 May 2010	noon	*
11. Outcome of appeals against decisions deeming nominations invalid	14 May 2010	noon	
12. The independent scrutineer shall send by recorded delivery post, to all validly nominated persons, the names of the other nominated candidates declared valid	14 May 2010	n/a	
13. Distribution of ballot papers to those on the electoral roll, an election statement document and a prepaid envelope	24 May 2010	n/a	
14. Deadline for return of ballot papers	11 June 2010	noon	*
15. Election Count	12 June 2010	10.00am	
16. Deadline for independent scrutineer's report specifying in each category, the total number of ballot papers distributed, the total number of valid ballot papers returned, the total number of invalid ballot papers received and the names of candidates elected	14 June 2010	n/a	
17. Announcement of Election results at GTCNI, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Albany House, 73-75 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7AF	14 June 2010	3.00pm	

The deadlines indicated thus \* are legally binding and in no circumstances can be exceeded or extended.

**The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland**  
**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** pursuant to the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (Constitution) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, and the Scheme for Election of Teachers to the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland, an election is to be held for teacher representatives to serve on the Council for the period of four years from the 15 October 2010.

Fourteen teachers are to be elected to the Council as follows:

Election Category	Number to be Elected
Teacher (whether or not a principal) in a nursery school	1
Teacher (whether or not a principal) in a special school	1
Teachers in primary education who are not principals	5
Teachers in post-primary education who are not principals	5
Principal in primary education	1
Principal in post-primary education	1

For the purpose of the election the Council will compile an electoral roll with a qualifying date of **18 March 2010** comprising the names, addresses and proposed election categories of all teachers for whom it has a record (other than teachers disqualified from voting under Regulation 4(2) of the Constitution Regulations) [See Annex].

The Independent Scrutineer, appointed to organise the election is: **Gary Kerr, Mailroom Limited, 1 Apollo Space Centre, Apollo Road, Boucher Road, Belfast, BT12 6HP**. The Independent Scrutineer is responsible for arranging the printing and distribution of this Notice and all ballot material, and for counting the returned ballot papers.

The Returning Officer, appointed to be responsible for the election is: **Terry Patterson**, whose address for the purpose of the election is, **GTCNI Election Office, 3rd Floor Albany House, 73-75 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7AF**

Nomination papers may be obtained from **19<sup>th</sup> March, 2010** by those wishing to stand as candidates at the election from

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**GTCNI Election Office**  
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and when completed must be returned to the Returning Officer at Albany House by **noon on 16 April 2010** together with candidate's photograph and/or election statement of no more than 100 words, if desired.

A copy of the Scheme governing the election may be obtained from Council at Albany House. The Scheme may also be accessed on The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland website at **www.gtcni.org.uk**

## Electoral Roll

A provisional roll has been compiled and will be revised on the Qualifying Date, **18th March 2010**.

Additions, alterations, deletions and amendment to election categories may be made to the provisional roll upon applications received by Council **no later than 18th March 2010**.

No person may be added to the roll after this date and no person shall be admitted to the roll unless assigned to an election category.

## Candidates

To be eligible to stand for election a candidate must not be disqualified by Regulation 4 of the Constitution Regulations [See Annex] but must:

- a) have been employed as a teacher at the date of his/her election (**14 June 2010**) or have been so employed within one year preceding that date; and
- b) have been employed as a teacher for an aggregate period of two years or more in the five years preceding that date.

A candidate can nominate only in the election category determined by regulation 20 of the Scheme: "the category of a teacher or principal shall be determined by the kind of school or sector of education in which he / she is or has been employed."

A proposer, a seconder and five attestors, all of whom must be included in the electoral roll and have the same election category as the candidate, shall support the nomination. This is a legally-binding requirement. Any person acting as a proposer, a seconder or an attestor of a candidate shall not act in any of these capacities for more than one nomination.

## Ballot Paper

Ballot papers and other relevant documentation will be distributed on **Monday, 24 May, 2010** to all persons in the relevant election categories entitled to vote and shall be returned to the Independent Scrutineer at Albany House to be received no later than **noon on Friday, 11 June, 2010**.

## Voters

To be eligible to vote in the election voters must not be disqualified by regulation 4(2) of the Constitution Regulations [See Annex] but must:

- a) have been included in the final electoral roll on **18th March 2010**; and
- b) have been assigned an appropriate election category on that date [see category enclosed with this Notice].

## The Count

Counts shall be conducted at Albany House on **Saturday, 12th June 2010**, the first of which shall commence at 10.00am. A timetable for the count in each of the six categories will issue on **Friday, 4 June 2010**, to each candidate and his/her proposer who are invited to attend.

## Result

The result of the election shall be officially declared at Albany House on Monday, **14 June 2010 at 3.00pm**

**Gary Kerr, Independent Scrutineer**

## Extract from the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (Constitution) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

**PLEASE NOTE** The General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (Constitution) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (SR No. 288) can be viewed in full at:

<http://www.northernireland-legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/sr/sr2001/20010288.htm>

### ***Eligibility for election, appointment and to vote in elections***

4. (1) A person shall not be eligible as an elected member or as a member appointed under regulation 7(a), or to fill a vacancy for such a member under regulation 9(1), unless-
  - (a) he is employed as a teacher at the date of his election or appointment to the Council or has been so employed within one year preceding that date; and
  - (b) he has been employed as a teacher for an aggregate period of two years or more in the five years preceding his election or appointment to the Council; and for this purpose employment as a teacher includes any period of secondment by arrangement with his employing authority.
  
- (2) A person shall not be eligible as a member, or to vote in the election for elected members under an electoral scheme under regulation 6, at any time when-
  - (a) his employment as a teacher is prohibited under regulations made under Articles 70(1) and (2)<sup>(a)</sup> and 134(1)<sup>(b)</sup> of the 1986 Order;
  - (b) his name has been removed from the register under regulations made under Article 36(3)(f) of the 1998 Order;
  - (c) he is ineligible for registration as a teacher or disqualified from being employed as a teacher under any provision of the law of England, of Wales or of Scotland.

<sup>(a)</sup> Article 70 was substituted by Article 8 of S.I. 1987/167 (N.I. 2) and Article 70(1) was amended by Article 42(2) of S.I. 1993/2810 (N.I. 12)

<sup>(b)</sup> Article 134(1) was amended by Article 50(1) and Part II of Schedule 4 to S.I. 1993/2810 (N.I. 12)