



Translated from the German Original

Regulations Governing Authorization for Protestant Religious Education at the European Schools (Scholae Europaeae) and at Recognized European Schools

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§ 1 General Provisions

(1) Protestant religious education at European Schools (Scholae Europaeae) as well as at Recognized European Schools within the member churches of the Communion of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE) shall be provided in accordance with the CPCE's Theological Principles.

(2) The CPCE shall ensure that the requirement to provide religious instruction at the schools assigned to it in accordance with its principles is observed.

(3) An appointment to teach religious education requires authorization by the CPCE.

(4) Authorization shall be granted by the CPCE when all necessary requirements are met.¹

(5) This authorization establishes a relationship of mutual trust and commitment between the CPCE and the teachers it appoints. The CPCE undertakes to advocate for the concerns of teachers appointed to teach religious education before government authorities and the public and to promote their professional

development and continuing education. Teachers commissioned by the CPCE shall be under an obligation to teach Protestant religious education in accordance with the principles of the CPCE as well as the official curricula.

(6) The European vocation for a teacher of religion at a European School means that they:

- a. are authorized to teach the subject of Protestant religion;
- b. can prepare and conduct devotions;
- c. collaborate with the parents or guardians;
- d. personally represent the contents of the subject of Protestant religion to the students, the school and parents or guardians, incorporating it into school life whenever possible;
- e. and engage in professional development and continuing education.

§ 2 Requirements for Granting Authorization

(1) Upon application, the CPCE shall grant authorization if the following conditions are met:

¹ The authorization can also be granted for a limited period.

a. Membership in a member church or of a CPCE participating church or in a church that is a member of the Anglican Communion;

b. Applications must include a recommendation and confirmation of the teacher's endorsement by the local church leadership or governing body;

c. A qualification in theology or religious education from a church-recognized or state-accredited training programme;

d. A written declaration by the teacher stating that they will teach Protestant religious education in accordance with the principles of the CPCE. This declaration shall read as follows:

"I hereby commit myself to basing my service as a Protestant religious education teacher on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as attested to in Holy Scripture, as well as on the confessional writings of the Reformation. I will observe the principles of the Communion of Protestant Churches in Europe."

e. Applicants are required to fulfil the child safeguarding requirements of the school.

(2) Upon request, the CPCE may grant authorization if, for example, not all of the requirements listed in §2(1) are met for teaching Protestant religious education in a substitute teaching situation, or if a teacher wishes to qualify to teach Protestant religious education through in-service training and continuing education.

(3) A time limit may be lifted upon request if a teacher has qualified to teach the subject of Protestant religious education by successfully completing in-service continuing education and training programs.

§ 3 Revocation, Invalidity, and Return of the European Vocation

(1) The certificate of authorization becomes effective upon delivery by the CPCE. Receipt must be confirmed in writing.

(2) The authorization may be revoked if it is determined that Protestant religious instruction is no longer being provided in accordance with the principles of the CPCE. Prior to this, the teacher concerned must be given an opportunity to comment.

(3) The authorization becomes invalid if the teacher's membership in a church that is a prerequisite for the authorization ends, or if the teacher declares in writing that they no longer wish to teach Protestant religious education.

(4) In cases of revocation or invalidity, the certificate of authorization must be returned.

§ 4 Final Provisions

(1) The Regulations Governing Authorization to Provide Protestant Religious Instruction at the European Schools (Scholae Europaeae) and at Recognized European Schools shall enter into force upon adoption by the Council of the CPCE.

(2) Once in force, the regulations governing authorization shall be evaluated at the end of each Council term, with the first evaluation taking place in 2030, and revised if necessary.

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