

**CONSTITUTION of the CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF
GUYANA
(With Amendments to 12th August, 2003)**

The Teaching Service Commission

Composition
of
Commission
[17 of 1984]
[5 of 2001]

207. (1) The Teaching Service Commission shall consist of seven members.
- (2) Six of the members of the Commission (hereinafter referred to as “appointed members”) shall be appointed as follows –
- (a) **[Paragraph (a) deleted by Act No. 5 of 2001]**
- (b) one person appointed by the President on the nomination of the Guyana Teachers’ Association;
- (c) two persons nominated for appointment by the Minister assigned responsibility for local democratic organs or bodies; and
- (d) three persons appointed by the President after meaningful consultation with the Leader of the Opposition.
- (3) The other member of the Commission shall be the Chief Education Officer.
- (4) The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of the Commission shall be elected by and from the members of the Commission using such consensual mechanism as the Commission deems fit.
- (5) A person shall be disqualified for appointment as an appointed member of the Commission if he is a public officer.
- (6) A person shall not while he is holding or is acting in the office of a member of the Commission or within three years commencing with the date on which he last held or acted in that office be eligible for appointment as a teacher in the public service.

(7) The Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson and one other member designated as such in the instrument appointing him or her shall be full-time members of the Commission.

(8) The President may grant leave of absence to any appointed member of the Commission.

(9) An appointed member of the Commission may at any time resign his office as such member by writing under his hand addressed to the President.

(10) An appointed member of the Commission shall be eligible for re-appointment.

Vacation of
office of
appointed
member
of the
Commission.

208. (1) Subject to the provisions of this article, the office of an appointed member of the Commission shall become vacant at the expiration of three years from the date of his appointment or at such earlier time as may be specified in the instrument by which he was appointed.

(2) The provisions of article 225 (which relate to removal from office) shall apply to the office of an appointed member of the Teaching Service Commission, and for the purposes of paragraphs (4) and (6) of that article the prescribed authority shall be the Prime Minister, except that, in relation to a member other than the Chairman of the Commission or a member for the time being acting in the office of Chairman, the prescribed authority for the purposes of the said paragraph (6) shall be the Chairman of the Commission.

(3) The provisions of paragraph (2) shall be without prejudice to the power of the President to revoke the appointment of member of the Commission appointed under paragraph (2) (b) of article 207 on a request being made for such revocation to the President by the Guyana Teachers Association.

Appointment
of teachers.
[17 of 1984]

209. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the power to appoint persons as teachers in the public service and to remove and to exercise disciplinary control over persons holding or acting in such offices shall vest in the Teaching Service Commission.

(2) The Teaching Service Commission may, by directions in writing and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit, delegate any of its powers under paragraph (1) to any one or more of its members or, with the consent of the Prime Minister, to any public officer.

(3) Where any power of the Teaching Service Commission is exercised under paragraph (2), any person in respect of whom the power was exercised (including a person who has failed to obtain an appointment) may appeal to that Commission from the decision of the person exercising the power.

(4) Subject to the other provisions of this Constitution, the decision of the Teaching Service Commission on any appeal made under paragraph (3) shall be final.