

LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

PEACE INDEPENDENCE DEMOCRACY UNITY PROSPERITY

Office of the Prime Minister

No. 64/PM

PRIME MINISTER'S DECREE ON PRIVATE EDUCATION

- With Reference to: The Constitution of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
14 August 1991;
With reference to: Lao PDR Government Law No. 01/95, dated 3 August 1995.
With reference to: The Decree of the Prime Minister on the Organization of the
Ministry of Education No. 61/PM dated 10 April 1995;
With reference to: The Proposal of the Ministry of Education.

The Prime Minister Promulgates:

Part I
General Provisions

Article 1

The Government encourages the private sector to participate in education and

Any subject matter taught in private school must be in the Lao language, except foreign

3. Special Education, that is, education for physically or mentally abnormal children.

Article 10

No person may establish a private school before being authorized. The application for permission and the authorization must follow the procedures determined by the Ministry of Education.

Article 11

A juristic person or a person has the right to apply for the establishment of a private school, as follows:

- a) Juristic Person

A juristic person, including the legal representative of an association, has the right to apply for the establishment of any type of private school, both in the formal and the non-formal education system, and in either General Education or Vocational, Technical, and Higher Education as determined in Article 9, but with the following conditions:

1. The juristic person must have the purpose of promoting education.
2. The juristic person must have assets or status sufficient for the establishment and implementation of the school's activities.
3. The Director or the representative of an association must meet the following criteria:
 - Be Laotian, a resident alien or a foreigner aged 18 or over. In cases where the resident alien or foreigner is the Director, it is necessary that the Vice-Director must be Laotian.
 - Have the qualifications stipulated by the regulations of the Ministry of Education for the level or regional position of the school.
 - Have good behavior and morals.

Be at least 18 years old.

Have assets or status sufficient for the establishment and the implementation of the school's activities.

Have the qualifications stipulated by the regulations of the Ministry of Education for the level or regional position of the school.

Have good behavior and morals.

Have not been fired by the Government because of committing any offences.

Have never lost establishment permission or had such permission withdrawn within two years of the current application for establishment permission.

Not be an incapacitated person.

Have never been convicted of a crime, except a case which is a petty offence or committed by negligence occurring more than five years before the date of the current request for establishment permission.

Part IV

Support and Encouragement of Private School Policy

Article 12

Private schools are supported and encouraged as follows:

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Part V
Organization and Management of the Private Education Sector

Article 13

A Consultant Council for the Private Education Sector shall be established, consisting of:

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| 1. Vice- Minister of Education | President by nomination |
| 2. One cadre who has status equivalent to the Director of a Department | Secretary by nomination |
| 3. Director of the Vocational, Technical and Higher Education Department | Member by position |
| 4. Director of the General Education and Kindergarten Department | Member by position |
| 5. Director of the Non-Formal Education System | Member by position |
| Four seniors consisting of: | |
| 6. One representative of the authorized Member by election of persons from General Education | Authorized persons in the concerned schools |
| 7. One representative of the authorized persons from Institutions of Vocational, Technical and Higher Education | |

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Article 15

Article 25

The students in private schools, if they wish, can move into the government schools and, reciprocally, the students in government schools can move into private schools, in accordance with the procedures stipulated in the regulations of the Ministry of Education.

Article 26

The Minister of Education is in charge of releasing the regulations on tuition fees and the method of paying any charges in private schools in a proper manner, and in accordance with the general regulations regarding the payment of charges and the financial management of the Government.

Part VI
Final Provisions

Article 27

The Bureau of the Consultant Council for Private Education has its own seal for administrative activity use.

Article 28

Any private school officially authorized has its own seal for administrative activity use.

Article 29

The Ministry of Education is assigned to supervise and instruct all private schools to abide by this decree.

Article 30

The Ministry of Education is in charge of releasing detailed additional rules and regulations when necessary, and in accordance with this decree.

Article 31

This Decree replaces that of the Ministry Council No. 58/MCP dated 29 September