

Memo # 4

To: OECTA Secondary Teachers

From: Michele MacDonald

Re: Project Overseas 2017; Keep track of on-calls

1. Project Overseas is a joint endeavor between the Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF) and its provincial and territorial affiliates, including OECTA. This project allows OECTA to give their members the opportunity to provide teaching assistance in developing countries.

The purpose of Project Overseas is to improve the quality of education in Canada and in developing countries. Although the focus of Project Overseas is teacher professional development, the primary goal is improved teaching and learning for students around the world. Working toward quality public "Education for All" is the driving force behind all aspects of CTF's International Cooperation Programs.

All of the applications sent into OECTA are reviewed by the Educational Aid Committee. Once the candidates are selected, the final applications are sent to CTF. The successful applicants are sent to a developing country, usually in Africa or the Caribbean, to conduct professional development in-services for their overseas colleagues. While projects can take place at any time during the year, the projects are held mostly in July and August.

It is required that applicants be Canadian citizens, have at least five years teaching experience in Canada and be a member of a CTF affiliate. Additional criteria are listed on the OECTA website. Applications for Project Overseas 2017-2018 is posted on our local website as well as the OECTA website.

The deadline for submitting applications is November 1, 2017. Applications will only be accepted via email.

2. Just a reminder to all teachers that Supervision/On-calls are assigned to a maximum of 1100 minutes in total, of the 1100 minutes up to 9 on-calls can be assigned. An on-call is half a teaching period, which equals 36.5 minutes. It is every teacher's responsibility to keep track of their supervision/on-call minutes throughout the school year and to report any discrepancies to the office and to the OECTA staff Representative.

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