

Standing Conference on Teacher Education, North and South (SCoTENS)

Teaching Councils and their Relationship with Teacher Education

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The Teaching Council Act, 2001

Opening Statement

**“An Act to promote teaching as a profession;
to promote the professional development of teachers;
to maintain and improve the quality of teaching in the state;
to provide for the establishment of standards, policies and
procedures for the education and training of teachers and
other matters relating to teachers and the teaching
profession;
to provide for the registration and regulation of teachers
and to enhance professional standards and competence...”**

The Teaching Council and Teacher Education

- ◆ “advise the Minister in relation to...the minimum standards of educational qualifications required for entry into programmes of teacher education and training”
- ◆ “determine, from time to time, the education and training and qualifications required for a person to be registered”
- ◆ “review and accredit programmes of teacher education and training for the purpose of registration”

The Teaching Council and the Newly Qualified Teacher

- ◆ “establish procedures in relation to the induction of teachers into the teaching profession”
- ◆ “establish procedures and criteria for probation of teachers including periods of probation”

The Teaching Council and Continuing Professional Development

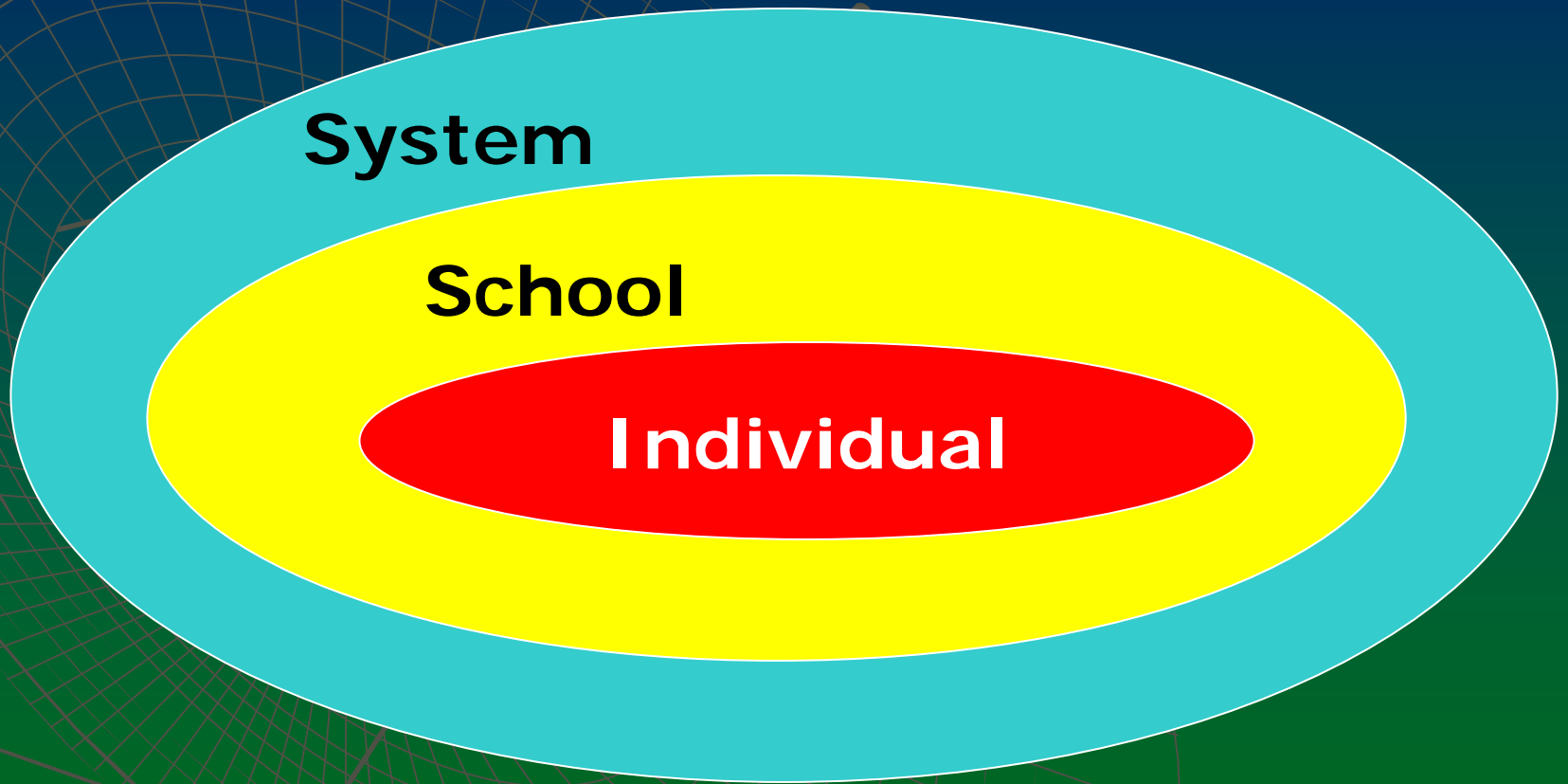
- ◆ “advise the Minister in relation to...the professional development of teachers”

Promoting Teaching as a Profession – the role of teacher education

Development of

- ◆ Code of professional conduct
- ◆ Standards of teaching
- ◆ Knowledge
- ◆ Skills
- ◆ Competence

The Span of Teacher Education and the Stages and Phases Therein



Providers of Teacher Education

- ◆ Colleges of Education
- ◆ University Departments of Education
- ◆ Teacher Education Section (DES)
- ◆ National Programmes of In-service
- ◆ Education Centres
- ◆ Teacher Unions
- ◆ Others

The Teaching Council and the Teacher Education Providers

Areas for consideration

- ◆ Programmes of initial teacher education
- ◆ The induction process
- ◆ Framework(s) for continuing professional development
- ◆ International linkages