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### **ON THE JOB TRAINEES IN THE SCHOOL**

Government's policy of pre-service teacher training as delivered by the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) is moving to ensure that all persons who teach in the classroom are in possession of a professional teaching degree or comparable qualification in education. In some schools, there exist Assistant Teachers and persons who hold Diplomas in Teaching and other qualification from recognized institutions.

Additionally, as part of Government's On The Job (OJT) Training Programme, the Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Ministry of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education has placed in our schools persons who have expressed a desire, or meet the entry qualification for matriculation to training institutions such as UTT. These persons, when placed in schools, operate as Teacher Assistants under the mentorship of a trained teacher. In cases of emergency, a school principal may call upon these Teacher Assistants to supervise children in the classroom. On The Job Trainees are not expected and or required to take full responsibility for teaching students.

The Ministry of Education wishes to advise that alleged instances in which school principals operate contrary to established policy will be investigated and remedial action taken.

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