



# MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Communications Unit  
Alexandra Street, St Clair  
Tel: 622-1088 Fax: 628-2088  
[www.moe.gov.tt](http://www.moe.gov.tt)

News Release:

## **Competency-based Education & Training Workshop for TVET Teachers - August 20-24, 2007**

School Principals, Teachers and Curriculum Officers who deliver the Technical Vocational Education and Technology Curriculum for the award of the Caribbean Vocational Qualifications (CVA) are invited to participate in a Competency-Based Education and Training Workshop that will take place at the Paria Suites, South Trunk Road, La Romaine on August 20-24 from 9 a.m. – 3:30 P.M. Representatives of the Local School Board, students engaged in the Technical Vocational Education and Technology programmes as well as parents are invited to attend the workshop. Senator Hazel Manning, Minister of Education will attend the inaugural session of the workshop.

The workshop is essential for the smooth implementation of the new Competency-Based Education and Training programme that leads to the award of the CXC and CVQ – Caribbean Vocational Qualification. The Caribbean Vocational Qualification at the upper secondary level was initiated by the Ministry of Education at two secondary schools -- the Mucurapo Senior Comprehensive and the Fyzabad Composite Schools. It is expected that an additional twelve secondary schools will participate in the initiative from September 2007 and another twenty-two schools from September 2008. A further 102 schools will join the programme when they are ready in terms of equipment, resources and school management approval.

The CVQ is a competency-based qualification. Students are required to demonstrate competence in the achievement of Regional Occupational Standards developed by practitioners and employers. Students in schools equipped by the Ministry of Education are entered for assessments in specific skill areas. Their

subject teaches will be trained to instruct and perform continuous in-school assessment. When a student is ready, the assessor/teacher will assess his/her competence. Based on evidence provided by both the school, the internal and external verifier and the quality assurance team from the Caribbean Examinations Council, the student will be awarded a CVQ Certificate in that occupational area by the CXC. Upon successful completion of a Unit, a candidate will be awarded a certificate of competence in that Unit. The candidate will gain a full CVQ Award when all the Units specified in the qualification structure of the occupational area have been accumulated.

The August 20-24 CBET-Workshop seeks to build capacity in the teaching staff responsible for delivering the curriculum, the principals who must manage the process, the career guidance officers who must monitor the process and the assessors who will conduct the assessments. The workshop will better prepare Curriculum Officers (TVET) to support teachers in the CBET methodology. Participants will prepare materials and templates for the development of resource materials for instructors and students and school supervisors will be guided on measures to facilitate School Principals in changing school management for CBET.

2007 August 8.