

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1459**

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**Adv A de W Alberts (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:†**

What requirements must a private school meet to be graded by her department in order to operate as a registered basic education institution? NW1804E

**REPLY**

Independent schools are registered by Provincial Education Departments. Applications for registration should therefore be directed to the relevant education Head of Department. All provinces have established provincial registration criteria which specify the minimum requirements against which an application for registration will be evaluated. The basic requirements are:

- (i) A constitution or founding document of the school and relevant policies that cover aspects such as ownership, mission, aims, governance, funding, language and admission;
- (ii) Security of tenure over the proposed school buildings and grounds which has been certified by the relevant authorities in terms of meeting their minimum health and safety requirements, meets the requirements of the "Regulations relating to safety measures at independent schools" as prescribed in the South African Schools Act, and meets the minimum requirements of the municipal by-laws;
- (iii) Educators employed are registered with the South African Council of Educators;
- (iv) Enrolment of a minimum number of learners as determined by the province;
- (v) Demonstrated ability to be financially viable for at least 12 months after registration;
- (vi) The curriculum for learners in the various school phases meet the required outcomes of the National Curriculum Statement and is recognised by the South African Qualifications Authority.