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**EDUCATION CIRCULAR NUMBER 02 OF THE YEAR 2021 ON SCHOOL
RE- ENTRY FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' DROP OUT
FOR VARIOUS REASONS.**

1.0 Introduction

The Tanzania education Vision is to have an educated Tanzanian with knowledge, skills, competencies, abilities and positive attitudes in order to enable one's contribution to the National development.

In order to ensure that each Tanzanian child accesses quality education as his /her basic right without segregation of any kind, the Government has been taking different measures to expand access and improve quality of education provided at all levels.

- .. The Government has been promulgating laws, regulations, guidelines and various Circulars depending on the matter in issue from time to time.

Some of the directives and circulars are as follows:

- I) Compulsory enrolment to school of every child of 7 years old where he/she must attend until he/she completes his/her education circle which he/she has been enrolled for. This is as per section 35(1) and (3) of the Education Act, Chapter 353;
- II) Responsibility of the parent to register a pupil to school and to ensure that the pupil attend to school. This is as per Rule 4(1) and (2) of the Regulation of Primary School (Compulsory Registration and School Attendance Regulations) G.N. No.280/2002.

2.0 Re-entry Policy on Dropped-out Pupils/Students from Schools

The data reveal that pupils/students drop out of school due to various reasons such as truancy, indiscipline and pregnancy. More over, some of the pupil/students do not attend school due to family challenges or parents/guardians to transfer to another area without a prior knowledge of school transfer procedures.

Therefore in order to make sure that all children access education opportunities as their basic rights, through this Circular, the Government offers opportunity to pupil/students who drop out of school due to various reasons to continue with their studies in a formal education system. This will include pupils/students who dropped out of school due to pregnancy, whereby they will be permitted to complete their education circle in a formal education system.

3.0 Implementation of the Circular.

In order to implement this Circular, various stakeholders are urged to implement their roles as follows:

- i) Students/pupils who have dropped out due to pregnancy or truancy will be allowed to go back to schools within 2 years since desisting their studies.

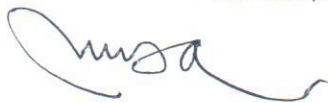
- ii) Head masters/Head teachers shall make sure that the returning who dropped out pupils/students after are provided with guidance and counselling services, to strengthen them psychologically as well as their school meter.
- iii) Head masters/Head teachers should ensure that a student who dropped out of school returns to school at the beginning of new academic year of the class/form they reached;
- iv) Teachers should ensure that teaching and learning process take place in a conducive environment for all students; and
- v) Education Leaders at all levels of education should monitor and evaluate the implementation of this Circular.

4.0 Limitations of the Circular

This Circular shall not include pupil/students who are expelled from schools due to criminal cases or with conduct endangering peace at school. Students proven to have committed these offences and expelled from school are advised to continue with studies through non formal education system.

5.0 The date of commencement of circular Na 02 of 2021

This Circular commence operation from 24th November, 2021



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