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Private tutors at home now need a permit

NEW RULE ALLOWS EVEN STUDENTS AGED 15 AND ABOVE TO IMPART LESSONS

DUBAI
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For decades a grey area, and strictly banned during the Covid-19 pandemic, private tuition at home has now been accepted formally in the UAE.

Yesterday, authorities from education and employment sectors joined hands to regulate "the provision of private lessons for students outside educational institutions".

The Private Teacher Work Permit will curb "haphazard practices" in the sector, officials said. The Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization (MoHRE) jointly announced details of the permit.

Free registration

Individuals interested to become private teachers will have to register on an official MoHRE webpage to obtain the Permit, which is free for two years and renewable.

Registration is simple, needing only, in most cases, valid identification documents (passport, residence visa, Emirates ID), certificate of good conduct, medical fitness certificate, and a No Objection Certificate from the school.

Even students who meet the

Eligible applicants can submit a request for the Private Teacher Work Permit through MoHRE smart application, website, and e-services system. The permit is granted free of charge for two years.

eligibility criteria, such as being at least 15 years old and having their guardian's permission, can apply. In fact, individuals who work outside the education sector, or are unemployed, can also become private teachers after obtaining the Permit.

Checks and balances

The move will provide checks and balances in this sector, which has always been in high demand but unregulated, until now. Paid private tuition at home is sought by students, through their parents, as a means of improving learning outcomes. It has also supplemented the income of teachers. However, there was previously no legal framework to ensure the rights of both learners and educators in the paid private tuition sector. But individuals offering private lessons without the permit will be subject to "fines and penalties".

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DESPERATE GAZANS WAIT FOR FOOD AMID RELENTLESS ISRAELI STRIKES

■ Palestinians hold out containers to collect free food handouts from a volunteer hospice in Rafah, southern Gaza, yesterday. The group Human Rights Watch yesterday accused the Israeli government of intentionally starving civilians in Gaza as part of its offensive in the besieged Palestinian territory. More than 19,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza since Israel retaliated after the October 7 attack by Hamas fighters. **SEE ALSO P10**

UAE media told to respect country's policies

New decree aims to spur growth of the sector in country

ABU DHABI

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All media individuals and institutions operating within the UAE must comply with the national standards for media content, most notably respecting the Islamic

beliefs, as well as all other religions and beliefs, according to a federal decree issued yesterday.

As per the decree, media individuals and institutions must also respect the country's sovereignty, symbols and institutions, and policies on the local and international levels.

The decree on regulating media aims to organise media activities in the UAE and promote its status as a global media hub, and establish an enabling environment to catalyse

the growth and prosperity of the media sector.

The provisions of the decree apply to individuals, organisations, media outlets, and free zones dedicated to media in the UAE. As per the decree, media activities include the production, circulation, printing and publishing of media content. It also encompasses audio, video and digital broadcasting, at a cost or free of charge.

The media outlets and individuals must refrain from dis-

seminating or circulating information that may offend or compromise national unity or social cohesion, incite violence, hatred or propagate a spirit of discord among society members, as well as respect privacy rules and individuals' private lives; refrain from publishing, broadcasting or circulating rumours, false and misleading news or the publication of any matter that may constitute instigation to commit crimes.

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