TEDS-M Policy Report

NATIONAL POLICIES AND REGULATORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION OF FUTURE TEACHERS IN 17 COUNTRIES

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- Part 1
 Development, Context and Conditions of Teacher Education
- Part 2Quality Assurance Arrangements

Focus for Part 1

- Comparing Organization and Context
- Historical Perspectives on the Organizational
 Dynamics of Teacher Education
- Positions and Careers for which Teachers are Being Prepared

Focus for Part 2

Quality Assurance Arrangements related to:

- The recruitment and selection of student entering teacher education programs
- The assessment and accreditation of teacher education programs
- The certification of graduates as ready to enter the teaching profession.

Issues

- Do associations exist between
 - the strength of quality assurance arrangements and
 - the quality of graduates from teacher education programs?
- Do countries with
 - stronger quality assurance arrangements produce
 - graduate teachers who do better on tests of mathematical knowledge and mathematical pedagogy knowledge?

Recruitment/Governance

Recruitment/Governance: control of the total number of university places available for teacher education students **Strong controls** Botswana, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, Oman, Russia, Singapore **Mixed Controls** Canada, Germany, Poland, Thailand Weak controls Chile, Georgia, Norway, Philippines, Spain, Switzerland, USA

Attractiveness and status of teaching as a career

Attractiveness and status of primary and secondary teaching as a career						
High	Canada, Chinese Taipei, Singapore,					
Mixed	Botswana, Germany, Malaysia, Oman, Poland, Russia, Spain, Switzerland USA (secondary)					
Low	Chile, Georgia, Norway, Philippines, Thailand, USA (primary)					

Selection requirements (Primary)

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Graduation from secondary school – no specific mathematics requirement	Canada, Chile, Georgia, Malaysia, Philippines, Spain, Switzerland, USA						
Graduation from secondary school with specific mathematics requirement	Botswana, Norway, Poland, Russia, Singapore						
Graduation from secondary school and requirement for tertiary level studies	Chinese Taipei, Germany						

Accreditation systems for teacher education

Regulation of Teacher Education	Country		
Group 1: Unregulated teacher education systems or voluntary accreditation only	Chile, Philippines Georgia, Oman		
Group 2: Countries with agencies responsible for the accreditation of higher education institutions – but limited requirements for the evaluation of specific teacher education programs	Germany, Spain Switzerland		
Group 3: Countries with agencies responsible for the accreditation of teacher education institutions, but based mainly on internal evaluations conducted by institutions - no independent, external evaluation	Malaysia, Norway Poland		
Group 4: External evaluation and accreditation of teacher education providers by an government, statutory or professional agency. Power to disaccredit programs	Botswana, Canada Chinese Taipei Russia, Thailand USA		
Special case	Singapore		

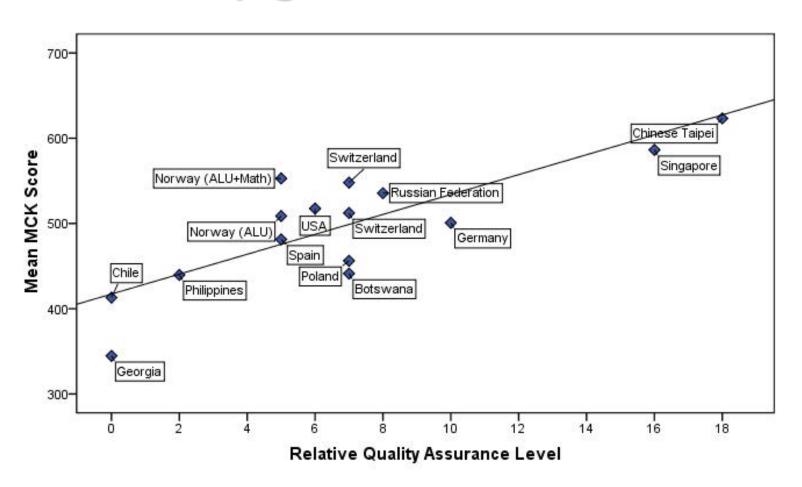
Entry to the teaching profession

Entry to the teaching profession/certification	Country		
Group 1 Countries where graduation leads automatically to official entry to the teaching profession	Botswana, Chile Canada, Georgia Malaysia, Norway Poland, Russia Singapore, Switzerland Thailand		
Group 2 Countries where entry to the profession depends on passing further tests set by external agencies (e.g. licensure tests of professional knowledge)	Oman Philippines Spain		
Group 3 Countries where entry to the profession or gaining employments depends on passing further tests of professional knowledge and assessments of performance.	Chinese Taipei Germany USA		

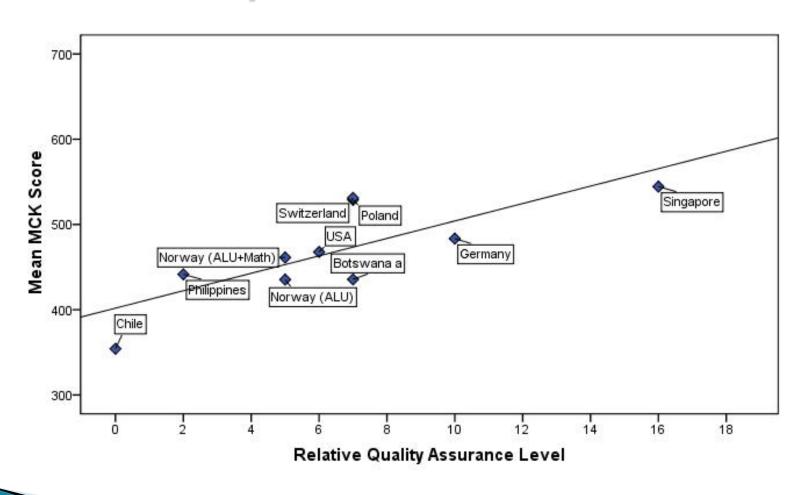
Summary of Quality Assurance Mechanisms in TEDS-M Countries

	Recruitment and Selection			- Accreditation of	Entry to the	Relative
	Control over supply of teacher education students	Promotion of teaching as an attractive career	Selection standards for entry to teacher education	teacher education programs	teaching profession	strength of QA system
Botswana						Moderate
Canada						Moderate
Chile						Low
Chin. Taipei						High
Georgia						Low
Germany						Moderate /High
Malaysia						Moderate
Norway						Moderate/Low
Oman (sec)						Low
Philippines						Low
Poland						Moderate
Russian Fed.						Moderate/high
Singapore						High
Spain						Moderate/Low
Switzerland						Moderate
Thailand (sec)						Low
USA						Moderate

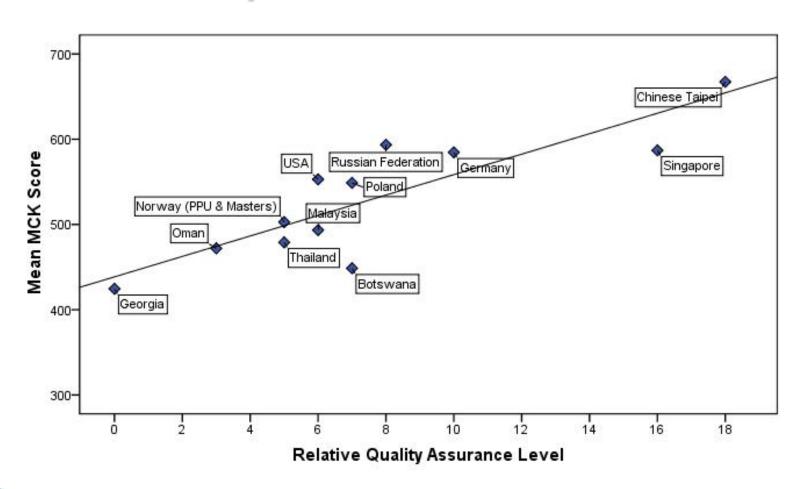
Mean MCK by QA Index: Primary generalist teachers



Mean MCK by QA Index: Secondary teachers to Grade 10



Mean MCK by QA Index: Secondary teachers to Grade 12



Conclusions

- There is variation among countries in:
 - policies related to entry to teacher education programs,
 - the accreditation of teacher education programs and
 - the quality of graduates who gain full entry to the teaching profession
- There is an association between:
 - Ratings of quality assurance arrangements, and
 - Mean scores on TEDS-M tests of mathematical content knowledge

Thank you

Questions Comments