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Nigeria: Whether there is a national registry of the names and addresses of all education professionals, including teachers, who were or who currently are working; if so, whether this registry is updated when the address of an education professional (who was or who currently is working) is changed; people who have access to this registry

Two sources consulted by the Research Directorate stated that there is a national registry of the names and addresses of all of the teachers and education professionals who were or who currently are working (NUT 23 Dec. 2011; Nigeria 21 Dec. 2011). This registry is managed by the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN) (ibid.). The TRCN is the state organization whose mandate is to regulate the teaching profession in Nigeria (Nigeria n.d.).

During a telephone interview with the Research Directorate on 10 May 2012, a TRCN administrative officer explained that education professionals are required to register in order to teach in Nigeria. In addition, on the TRCN Internet site, it is explained that any person who works officially and legally in the teaching profession and those who work with education authorities in Nigeria must register (Nigeria n.d.).

According to the TRCN administrative officer, the registry of education professionals includes the names and addresses of members and information about their diplomas and additional qualifications (Nigeria 10 May 2012). This registry is updated when the address of a current member is changed (NUT 23 Dec. 2011; Nigeria 10 May 2012). The TRCN administrative officer stated that it is the responsibility of a member to communicate the change of address to one of the TRCN offices, before or after the move (ibid.). This officer stated that, furthermore, the TRCN office updates the address of former members as long as these members renew their licence (ibid.).

During a telephone interview with the Research Directorate on December 21, 2011, a TRCN senior administrative officer explained that access to the registry is reserved for the director of the TRCN registration service or for any other member of personnel authorized by that person. To protect the information of its members, the TRCN saves it on electronic files accessible to the authorized members of personnel by a personal password. (Nigeria 10 May 2012).

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References


**Additional Sources Consulted**

**Oral sources:** Attempts to contact representatives of the following organizations in Nigeria were unsuccessful: Nigerian Library Association; National Teachers Institute; National Universities Commission; Nigeria – Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; Universal Basic Education Commission.

**Internet sites, including:** AllAfrica.com; National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration; Nigerian Library Association; National Universities Commission; Nigeria – Ministry of Education; Nigeria Union of Teachers; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; Universal Basic Education Commission.

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