

## Establishment of Chinese-foreign Cooperation in Running Schools

According to the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Chinese-Foreign Cooperation in Running Schools, the Implementation Measures for the Regulation of the People's Republic of China on Chinese-foreign Cooperative Education and the Catalogue for the Guidance of Foreign Investment Industries, foreign educational institutions, other organizations or individuals are not allowed to independently establish schools or other educational institutions with enrollment of Chinese citizens in the territory of China. They shall not establish institutions offering compulsory education service or special education services such as military, police and political education services. No foreign religious organization, religious institution, religious college and university or religious worker may engage in cooperative activities of running schools within the territory of China. Chinese-foreign cooperatively-run schools shall not offer religious education, nor conduct religious activities.

The Chinese-foreign cooperative educational institution, established by foreign educational institutions and Chinese educational institutions with legal person status, is allowed. The Chinese citizens, who are residence in China, shall act as principal or directors. Chinese training institutions registered with administrations of industry and commerce and foreign private educational training corporate are not suitable for the regular, which is prescribed by the council.

The Regulations on examination and approval for the cooperative education, which is established by foreign educational institutions and Chinese educational institutions, engaging in career skilled training and enrolling Chinese citizens, are prescribed by the ministry of labor and social guarantee.

The procedures for examination and approval for the cooperation in running school are as follows: Application for establishing Chinese-foreign cooperatively-run school offering higher education for academic qualifications at or above the regular university education shall be subject to examination and approval of the education administrative department of the State Council; application for establishing Chinese-foreign cooperatively-run school offering specialized higher education or higher education for non-academic qualifications shall be subject to examination and approval of Shanghai Municipal government. Application for establishing a Chinese-foreign cooperatively-run school offering secondary education for academic qualifications, programs of tutoring self-taught students for examinations, programs offering supplementary teaching of school courses and pre-school education shall be subject to examination and approval of Shanghai Education Committee. Application for establishing Chinese-foreign cooperatively-run school offering vocational technical training shall be subject to examination and approval of Shanghai Municipal Labor and Social Security Bureau.

For the cooperatively-run school to be established, Chinese investors shall submit application to Shanghai Education Committee. Applicants may go the formalities on line (website:

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[www.shmec.gov.cn](http://www.shmec.gov.cn)), and fill in the registration form online.

After accepting the application, Shanghai Education Committee shall appoint qualified agency to appraise the application of running school, qualification of foreign investors, the contract in Chinese and English, introduced text books and the statement of teachers. Shanghai Education Committee shall give approval to the qualified appliers. Then the applier can collect the approval after the issuance of letter of commitment by the principal or directors of the cooperatively-run school.

The Chinese-foreign cooperatively-run school, which is approved by Shanghai education commission, may apply for the registration and collect the license for running school. Materials for application of license for running school are as follows:

1. Application Form for the License for Cooperatively-Run School in Shanghai
2. Approval for the setting-up of project
3. Certification of assets evaluation
4. Certificate of teacher's qualification (copy)

Then Shanghai Education Committee shall issue License for Cooperatively-Run School to the qualified appliers.

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