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EDITOR'S NOTE



What an exciting time to bring forth our first ever feat! This is a quarterly news and information hub for the NaSIA brand.

We are one of the few agencies under the Ministry of Education mandated by Parliament to provide an independent external evaluation of the quality and standards in pre-tertiary schools across the country.

This newsletter is intended to communicate to you our latest news, past, upcoming events, articles and general information on education and happenings at NaSIA.

In this maiden edition, we will take you through the Ministry of Education's thanksgiving service, training on the use of SLIMS by private school leaders, training and capacity building for staff members, appointment of Regional Chief Inspectors, and many more. We have also introduced our staff appreciation initiative known as Spotlight.

What will all this mean if our works and achievements are not seen by other people? We started the year with an award from the Ministry as the second-best agency.

These and many more details await you in this edition. Kindly share your comments, suggestions and any enquires via eunice.oppong@nasia.gov.gh or pr@nasia.gov.gh.

Kind regards,

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MESSAGE FROM THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF SCHOOL DR. HAGGAR HILDA AMPADU

I welcome you all to the maiden edition of NaSIA's newsletter for the first quarter.

Amid COVID-19's effects-related economic recession, the year 2023 provides a lot of hope and beneficial impact.

As the Inspector-General of Schools, I would like to thank you all for the outstanding work you have done over the past few months, which has helped our venerable institution rank as the SECOND-BEST performing Agency among the Ministry of Education's fourteen (14) agencies, according to the performance evaluation report for 2022. I will also exhort us to keep up the good effort by acquiring inventive and novel methods of doing things.

Even though the year is still relatively new, we are happy to let you know that we have already made enormous progress in leadership and mandate delivery as we begin to implement our many departmental goals.

To raise the standard of our nation's pre-tertiary education, we are working with professionals to provide a learning and supportive atmosphere. Moreover, the usage of SLIMS has typically strengthened license issuance.



I conclude by affirming what Henry Wardworth said - "The height by greater men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night". I hope you enjoy this informative and compelling read!

Dr. Haggar Hilda Ampadu

MoE HOLDS THANKSGIVING SERVICE



The Ministry of Education, (MoE), organized a thanksgiving service to express gratitude to the Almighty God for a successful financial year, 2022 on Tuesday 10th January, 2023.

The event which took place at the University of Professional Studies Auditorium in Accra, was themed "Restructuring Education for National Transformation: Our Role" (Isaiah 33:6)

In attendance was the Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum (MP), Deputy Ministers of Education, Hon. Rev John Ntim Forjour (MP) and Hon. Gifty Twum-Ampofo (MP).

Also present was the Chairman of the Church of Pentecost, Apostle Apostle Eric Nyamekye, Directors and staff of the Ministry of Education, Directors and staff of the Ghana Education Service Directors and staff of Agencies under the Ministry of Education, development partners of the Ministry of Education, the clergy and other distinguished guests.

Delivering his speech, the Minister of Education, Hon. Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum (MP), expressed his deepest appreciation to the president of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, for the opportunity given him to head the Ministry and to lead the initiative of restructuring and transforming Ghana's Educational sector.

He also commended the various bodies and agencies under the Ministry, whose unflinching support and hard work continually leads to the success of the Ministry.

The Education Minister concluded his speech with the assurance that the year 2023 will be a year of great transformation for Ghana's educational sector.

The event was typified by praises, worship, song ministration by astute gospel musicians.

Dr. Haggar Hilda Ampadu, Inspector General of schools (IGS), together with other directors from the various agencies took turns in delivering the scripture readings.

The Chairman of the Church of Pentecost in a brief sermon also admonished the participants to always remember to give thanks to God and prayed that God will give Ghana, a robust educational system that will enhance national transformational development.



TRAINING ON SLIMS



The National Schools Inspectorate Authority (NaSIA) held its much-anticipated training of private school leaders and proprietors today.

The training was provided to educate school administrators and owners about the licencing procedure as well as the new school-led licencing system, which ensures that applications are processed, and licences are issued the same day they are submitted.

Ms. Cynthia Botchway, the Acting Director, Standards and Licencing (Ag.), NaSIA, explained that the training workshop for the private school proprietors is part of the implementation process of a new School Licencing and Inspections Management System (SLIMS), which will ensure efficiency in school licencing and inspections.

She explained that the piloting of the system began in 2022, and it is expected to continue with the schools in the Ayawaso West Districts, who will be assisted to license the system.

The piloting of the system, which is expected to end in the first academic term of 2023, will take place concurrently with the nationwide training of schools.

The attendees were given a hands-on introduction to licencing using the Schools Licencing and Inspections Management System (SLIMS) by Mr. Ishmael Odoi, Head of IT, NaSiA. He also advised them to contact the NaSIA help desk anytime they encounter challenges using the new system.

Schools were given an opportunity to ask questions on the new system and general licencing issues and responses were given to



them. Ms. Cynthia urged the schools to feel free to reach them with any concerns and informed them that NaSIA is there to help them and also ensure the improvement of standards in education. She reiterated the need for schools to avail themselves to inspections and register their schools which is done through licencing at NaSIA as required by Act 1023 of 2020.

The meeting ended with many attendees lauding the initiative and requesting more of such engagement and trainings with private schools to boost healthy relationship. Additionally, the proprietors and administrators of private schools requested that NaSIA help them resolve issues with parents failing to pay outstanding bills before withdrawing their children from their schools..

NaSIA ADJUDGED SECOND BEST AGENCY

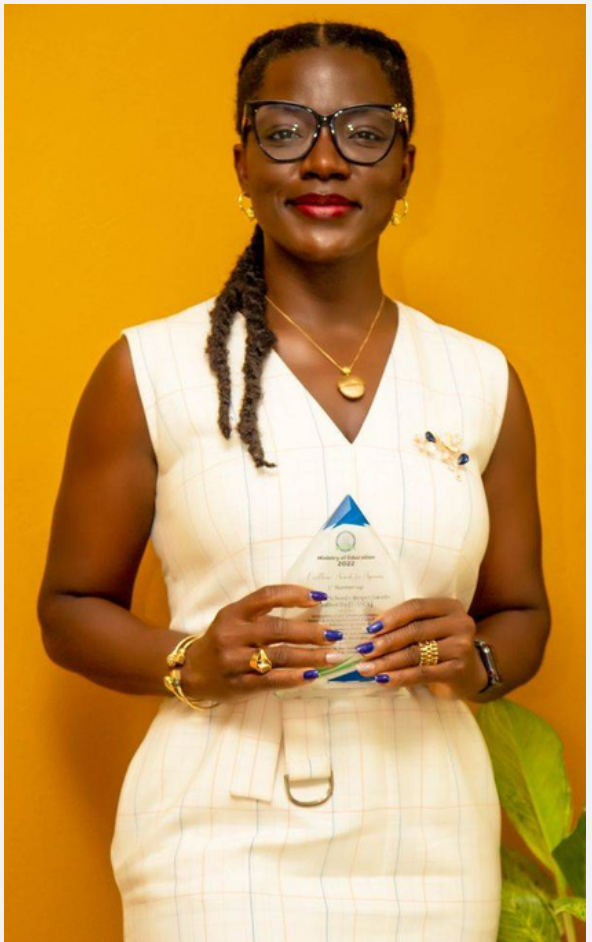


On Wednesday, 15th March 2023, the National Schools Inspectorate Authority (NaSIA) was adjudged the second best performing Agency under the Ministry of Education.

The plaque presented by the Honourable Minister Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum and received by the Inspector-General of Schools Dr. Haggar Hilda Ampadu, on behalf of all staff, is a testament of the diligence and commitment of management and staff of NaSIA.

We are delighted for this recognition and are encouraged to strive for the ultimate prize in the years ahead.

kudos! team NaSIA





On the 26th and 27th of January, 2023, The National schools Inspectorate Authority (NaSIA) appointed into office eleven (11) Regional Directors at their maiden edition of Regional Chief Inspectors meeting.

The ceremony, which took place at the Civil Service Training Centre in Accra had in attendance the Inspector-General of Schools, the two Deputies Inspector-General of Schools (Operations and General Services), Directors, Inspection Team leads and some office staff..

The Inspector General of Schools (IGS), Dr Haggar Hilda Ampadu, who inducted the

Regional Directors into office, commended them on the many successes chalked in their former roles as Regional Chief Inspectors at the various regions.

Dr. Ampadu further urged the newly appointed Regional Directors to work to attain more successes in the future, especially in their various regions, representing the Authority to execute its mandate of enforcing standards and ensuring quality in education.

Further training and capacity building was organized to fully equip the newly appointed Directors for the tasks ahead.



STAFF TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING



NaSIA has organised a training and capacity building programme for all members of staff.

The two-day Training took place at the Civil Service Training Centre in Accra on the 16th and 17th of February 2023.

Dr. Emmanuel Oheneba Agyenin Boateng a seasoned Human Resource Development practitioner and the Acting Registrar of the Presbyterian University College in Abetifi, Kwahu, took the participants through the documents that governs the establishment and operations of NaSIA, Human Resource Policies and Procedures, Conditions of service and Staff handbook.

In attendance was the Inspector-General of Schools, Dr Haggar Hilda Ampadu, the Deputy Inspector-General of Schools in charge of Operations, Mr Kwaku Appiah Mensah, Directors and Deputy Directors of the various departments



NaSIA EMBARKS ON REGIONAL SCHOOLS INSPECTION

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NaSIA dispatched a team of inspectors in February this year to commence compliance and performance inspection of schools across all regions of Ghana.

This inspection is geared towards achieving NaSIA's mandate of ensuring the highest quality standards for quality education in Public and Private Pre-Tertiary Educational Institutions

Did You

Know?



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NaSIA REVIEWS INSPECTION EVALUATION FRAMEWORK



The Technical Working Group (TWG) tasked with the revision of the Inspection Evaluation Framework (IEF) had a six (6) day offsite meeting from Sunday 5th – 11th of February 2023 at the Volta Serene Hotel, Ho. The finalisation of the IEF came with the dual component of an engagement sessions with team inspectors from NaSIA.

The Deputy Inspector General of Schools, General Services (D-IGS, GS), Mr. Michael Yaw Acheampong held a short debriefing session with the team from NaSIA. D-IGS, GS urged members from NaSIA to be united and resolute in our discussions and encouraged members to make suggestions that will ensure that reviewed IEF would reflect the current trends of issues in the education space in Ghana.

The National Schools Inspectorate Authority (NaSIA) held a three (3) engagement session with some team inspectors of the Authority.

This engagement was necessary for the Authority to ensure that all its inspectors are adequately prepared and well-equipped to undertake school inspection. This engagement was the first in a series of stakeholder and capacity building activities. This 3-day engagement was expected to:

- Raise awareness about the revised IEF handbook
- Familiarizing inspectors with the Authority's inspections evaluation framework
Introducing inspectors to various inspection templates
- Provide opportunity for participants to discuss and make inputs.

The Board Chairman of the National Schools Inspectorate Authority (NaSIA), Professor Eugene Darteh, in his opening remarks, expressed his delight for being able to pass through the session.

He expressed the joy and willingness of the Board of NaSIA to ensure that the reviewed IEF would be implemented to the latter. He commended T-TEL for a good work done to support NaSIA in the review of its IEF. The IEF, he stated, would go a long a way to help transform and improve teaching and learning in schools.

The National Schools Inspectorates Authority uses its Evaluation Inspection Framework (IEF) and its tools in its inspections of every school in Ghana. The IEF, per policy is to be reviewed every three (3) years.

INSPECTION EVALUATION FRAMEWORK REVIEW FORUM IN PICTURES



STAFF OF NaSIA ATTEND ACCRA WORLD BOOK CAPITAL 2023



The Board Chairman, Prof. Eugene Dartey, Deputy Inspector General of Schools, Micheál Yaw Acheampong and some staff of NaSIA on Monday, 24th April 2023 attended the launch of Accra World Book Capital, 2023 at the Accra International Conference Centre.

The President of the Republic of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo at the launch congratulated the inter-ministerial committee led by the Ghana Book Development Council and Accra Metropolitan Assembly for making this possible.

He indicated that this was an opportunity government and international partners could leverage on for cultural and educational development.

He also encouraged the Ghanaian learners to take their studies serious and make reading an everyday activity.

The Accra World Book Capital, 2023 has programs targeted at learners to help them develop the habit of reading, and also creativity.

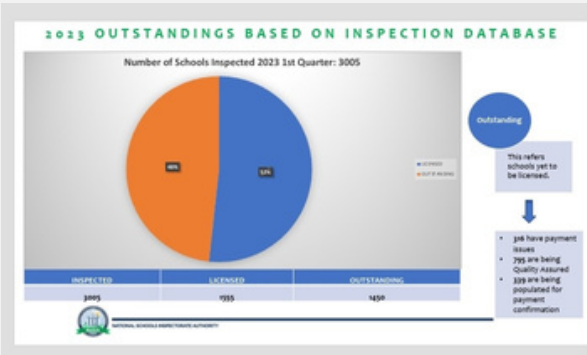
This will provide a great opportunities for the youth and also foster a peaceful society at large.



ACCRA WORLD BOOK CAPITAL 2023 IN PICTURES



NaSIA DESK - MEET AWURA



Hi,
I'm Awura
NaSIA



PRIVATE SCHOOLS LICENSED FOR 2023 (1ST QUARTER)

2023 LICENSE DATA	TYPE OF SCHOOL			Grand Total
	ICS	NCS	SPS	
REGION				
ASHANTI		266	5	271
BONO		90		90
BONO EAST		26		26
CENTRAL		187	1	188
EASTERN		192	1	193
GREATER ACCRA	4	266	3	273
NORTH EAST		1		1
NORTHERN		50		50
OTI		10		10
SAVANNAH		3		3
UPPER EAST		44		44
UPPER WEST		81		81
VOLTA		199		199
WESTERN		70		70
WESTERN NORTH		55	1	56
Grand Total	4	1540	11	1555



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FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions



1. Is NaSIA's licensing process replacing the GES registration?

Ans: Yes. GES registration process ended in November 2019, NaSIA is mandated by the Education Regulatory Bodies Act 2020, (Act 1023) assented into law on 26th August 2020 to register and License all Pre-Tertiary Schools

2. Is the licensing fee a flat rate or it varies?

Ans: it varies based on the type of license.

3. Why is Police Clearance report a requirement for Licensing a School?

Ans: NaSIA requires to know the background of the school proprietor and whether he/she has a criminal record as Learners' safety is key to NaSIA

4. What is the purpose of the fire certificate?

Ans: A fire certificate is awarded to schools that have undergone basic firefighting training and have available firefighting tools. This assures that basic firefighting processes can be employed in the school in case of a fire outbreak before the fire service comes around

5. Will Public Schools also be licensed with NaSIA?

Ans: Yes. Public schools will also be licensed with NaSIA and will go through the same licensing process just as Private Schools

6. Is NaSIA mandated to close down schools?

Ans: Yes, NaSIA reserves the right to close down schools after three warning letters. However, NaSIA gives recommendations to schools that do not meet NaSIA's minimum standards and carries out monitoring and evaluation inspections to ensure that schools work on recommendations.

7. Who is considered a qualified teacher?

Ans: According to the National Teaching Council's (NTC) law, every teacher must have at least a bachelor's degree to teach at any level.

8. Is licensing done separately for two or more schools owned by a proprietor?

Ans: Yes. Licensing is done differently. A school proprietor must license each school separately.

9. How long does it take to get a License?

Ans: It usually takes three (3) working weeks from the date of Inspection, however, it is dependent on when the school request for licensing and makes the necessary payment

10. What agency conducts Lesson Observations in Schools?

Ans: NaSIA conducts Lesson Observations in Schools. NaSIA as part of its core mandates conducts school Performance Inspections using its Inspection Evaluation Framework (IEF) which employs Lesson Observation as a tool.

Spotlight **First Quarter**

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