

## Shortage of teachers: Over 18k to be hired [NSTTV]



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KUALA LUMPUR: A total of 18,702 new teachers are needed to overcome the shortage of educators in certain subjects nationwide, Senior Education Minister Datuk Dr Mohd Radzi Jidin said.

According to him, the new intake, which will open next month, will involve the appointment of Grade DG41 teachers, adding that this would be a "one-off" admission to address the shortage.

"This intake will enable us to create a new baseline so that we will no longer face a shortage of teachers in the future.

"We want to reduce the burden of current teachers, increase employment and improve the quality of our education.

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"The advertisement on the intake will be issued on July 7 by the Education Service Commission (SPP) and we are announcing it now in advance so that those who are interested can make preparations for the application," he told a press conference aired live via Facebook today.

Radzi said Selangor, Johor, Sabah and Sarawak are the four main states that urgently require new teachers.

For primary schools, he said there is a significant shortage of teachers for the subjects of English, History, Special Education, Islamic Education as well as Information Technology and Communications.

As for secondary schools, Radzi said the shortage in teachers involved Malay Language, English, Special Education, Islamic Education as well as Technology and Design subjects.

Aside from graduate teachers, Radzi said the government is also looking into hiring those who took specific subjects in universities that could cater to the shortage.

"We usually prioritise graduate teachers, but we also want to make sure we have enough supply of quality teachers and therefore, we will look at all candidates who have the best potential.

"In the coming years, we will keep adding new teachers because every year, there will be the existing ones going for retirement and we must replace them to avoid shortage; and we will also get new teachers when there are new schools opened."

Radzi said the new teachers' intake is part of the government's National Recovery Plan, saying that both his ministry and the SPP will ensure its success.

He said the chosen teachers are expected to be stationed at their respective new schools by October this year.



Some 18,000 teachers are needed to overcome the shortage of educators in certain subjects nationwide. - NSTP file pic