

### Ministry Norms and Benchmarks for Educational Provision in the SACMEQ Countries

Benchmarks	Variable Name	Benchmark statements	Kenya	Malawi	Mauritius	Namibia	Zambia	Zanzibar	Zimbabwe
pupil/school ratio	xbnch1	# of pupils should not exceed _____ per school.	960	800	720	720	1280	900	1120
pupil/class ratio	xbnch2	# of Grade 6 pupils should not exceed _____ per class at the Grade 6 level.	40	60	40	35	40	45	40
area/pupil ratio	xbnch3	Each pupil should have at least _____ m <sup>2</sup> of classroom space.	1.40	1.40	1.20	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.50
pupil/teacher ratio	xbnch4	# of pupils should not exceed _____ per teacher in each school.	40	60	30	32	40	25	40
sitting place	xbnch5	Every pupil should have his/her own sitting place (bench to share or separate chair).	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
writing place	xbnch6	Every pupil should have his/her own writing place (desk or table).	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
chalkboard	xbnch7	Every classroom should have at least _____ chalkboard.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
exercise book	xbnch8	Every Grade 6 pupil should have at least _____ exercise book(s).	13	5	1	1	1	1	4
notebook	xbnch9	Every Grade 6 pupil should have at least _____ notebook(s).	7	5	1	1	1	1	4
pencil	xbnch10	Every Grade 6 pupil should have at least _____ pencil(s).	1	1	3	3	3	3	1
ruler	xbnch11	Every Grade 6 pupil should have at least _____ ruler(s).	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
eraser	xbnch12	Every Grade 6 pupil should have at least _____ eraser(s).	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
ball-point pen	xbnch13	Every Grade 6 pupil should have at least _____ ball-point pen(s).	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
academic qualification of <b>teachers</b>	xbnch14	Every Grade 6 teacher must have completed at least full ___ years of general education.	12	12	11	11	12	13	11
professional qualification of <b>teachers</b>	xbnch15	Every Grade 6 teacher must have completed at least full ___ year(s) of teacher training.	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
inservice training of <b>teachers</b>	xbnch16	Every Grade 6 teacher must have completed at least _____ training course(s).	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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academic qualification of <b>school heads</b>	xbnch17	Every school head must have completed at least full ___ years of general education.	12	12	11	11	12	13	11
professional qualification of <b>school heads</b>	xbnch18	Every school head must have completed at least full ___ year(s) of teacher training.	2	2	2	1	2	1	1