

Section 75 of the Constitution

THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION

What is the Right to Education?

The right to education is a human right on its own. It is a guarantee of being entitled to education that is accessible, affordable and available to everyone.

The right to education is a fundamental human right necessary for a person to know and be able to demand and assert other human rights.



The Constitution and the Right to Education

- Section 75 (1) - Every Citizen and Permanent Resident of Zimbabwe has a right to;
 - (a) A basic state-funded education, including adult basic education; and
 - (b) Further education that the state
- must make available progressively through laws, and other measures
- Section 75 (2) - A person has a right to establish and maintain independent educational institutions with reasonable standards that does not discriminate on any ground prohibited by the Constitution
- Section 75 (3) - A law may provide for the registration or closing of public institutions that do not meet reasonable standards prescribed for registration



- Section 75 (4) - The state must take reasonable legal and other measures, within limits of the resources available to progressively realize the right to education

These provisions in the Constitution show some of the commitments made by government when it accepted these human rights instruments such as the;

- International Covenant on Economic and Cultural Rights

What does the Right to Education in the Constitution mean?

- All citizens and Permanent Residents have a right to basic state-funded including adult education that is basic
- All basic education is free for everyone and government must pay for that
- The right to establish independent educational institutions is now protected in the Constitution
- The government must take progressive measures to make sure that Citizens and Permanent Residents enjoy their right to basic education
- The government must also take progressive measures to ensure that further education is available (ie college, university, vocational training education)



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