

## THE TEACHER: THE KEY TO ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING QUALITY IN EDUCATION IN NIGERIA

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### ABSTRACT

A sound education is the bedrock of development and progress in any society and no educational system can rise above the quality of its teachers, the teacher is very significant asset in the educational system. Teachers lead out to the fullest the child's potentialities. These teachers are vital agents for achieving national aspirations, since the quality of education is substantially affected by the quality of teachers available. This paper therefore, seeks to examine "who is a teacher", the quality of a teacher, the concept of Teacher Education. Other area to be examined is the role of the teacher in enhancing quality education. Recommendations were made for example; Teachers Educators should be highly committed to their task.

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