

Lifelong Learning - Open Educational Resources

Open Educational Resources (OERs) are teaching, learning or research materials that are in the public domain and released with an open license (such as Creative Commons). They allow for educators to copy, adapt and share their resources legally and freely, in order to support high-quality and locally relevant teaching and learning. The ‘open’ nature of OERs provide the Ministry of Education with a strategic opportunity to ensure wider access to quality learning and teaching resources at all levels of education. Trinidad and Tobago, through UNICEF and Commonwealth of Learning (Notesmaster and Open School-2006) has created a repository of content for both Primary and Secondary Schools.

Additionally, the Ministry will use OERs as digitised materials offered freely and openly for educators, students and self-learners to use and reuse for teaching, learning and research. OERs includes learning content, software tools to develop, use and distribute content, and implementation resources such as open licences. The intent is that the Ministry will have accumulated digital assets that can be adjusted and which provide benefits without restricting the possibilities for educators to access.

This programme has already been implemented and technical and legal arrangements for the uploading of the content are being made.

