

Guidance notes: about your application

From 1st April 2012, teachers who qualified in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States of America (USA) will be recognised as qualified teachers and awarded Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in England without being required to undertake any further training or assessment. In order to be awarded recognition as a qualified teacher, you will need to have satisfied both of the following conditions in Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA:

- (a) you must have successfully completed a course of initial teacher training (ITT) which is recognised by the competent authority in that country; and
- (b) successfully completed or satisfied any additional conditions, including any period of professional experience comparable to an induction period, which are required for employment on a permanent basis in government schools (schools wholly or mainly government funded) in Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA.

Teachers who are barred or subject to any restrictions on their eligibility to teach in their country of qualification will not be able to be recognised as qualified teachers in England. To be recognised as a fully qualified teacher in England, you must be able to teach as a fully qualified teacher in the country where you were trained.

Applying for QTS

Teachers must apply to the Teaching Agency for the award of QTS before they can be recognised as qualified teachers in England. You should complete this application form and send it to the Teaching Agency with a letter confirming that that you are both qualified and eligible to teach permanently in the country in question. Only letters from the recognised authority where you are a qualified teacher will be accepted for this purpose.

Where to obtain your letter of recognition:

For Australia: a territory's department for education or teacher registration board.
For Canada: a territory's department for education or college of teachers.
For New Zealand: The New Zealand Teachers' Council
For the USA: a state's Department of Education.

Where to send your application form:

Please send your completed application form and supporting letter confirming your status as a teacher in Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA to:

QTS and Induction Division
The Teaching Agency
Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester M1 2WD

What happens next?

The Teaching Agency will verify that the individual is a fully qualified teacher in either Australia, Canada, New Zealand or the USA and has not been barred from teaching. Subject to satisfactory completion of these checks, the teacher will be issued with a letter confirming the award of QTS.

Details of fully qualified teachers from Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA will be held on the Teaching Agency's database of teachers with QTS.

Statutory Induction in England

Once QTS has been awarded, teachers qualified in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA will not be required to undertake statutory induction period in England.



Teaching
Agency

Application for QTS: Teachers qualified in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States of America

For a copy of this form in Braille or large print please contact the QTS team at qts.enquiries@education.gsi.gov.uk, or by phone on 020 7593 5394

1 Personal details

Please complete all relevant sections clearly using BLOCK CAPITALS

Forename(s):

Surname:

Previous surname(s):

Title: Gender (m/f):

Date of birth: UK National Insurance number:

Address:

Postcode: Country:

Telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

2 Eligibility for Qualified Teacher Status

In which country are you recognised as a fully qualified schoolteacher?

Australia Canada New Zealand United States of America

3 Teacher Qualifications

Name of Teacher Qualification:

Name of Institution:

Period of study: From: To:

Date of award:

Subject(s) trained to teach:

Age range trained to teach: From: To:

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary

4 Higher Education Qualification

Only complete if your initial teacher qualification was a postgraduate course

Name of Qualification:

Name of Institution:

Period of study: From: To:

Date of award:

Subject(s) trained to teach:

5 Declaration

I declare that the above information is correct and that I have never been subject to a bar or restriction on my eligibility to teach.

I enclose a letter from the relevant body that confirms I am a qualified teacher and have satisfied any additional requirements which are necessary in order for me to be eligible for employment as a qualified teacher on a permanent basis in the country where I trained.

Signature Date

6 Diversity

Disability

Please put a cross in the box to indicate whether or not you have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities (Section 1(1) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995)

Yes No

This information will be used to estimate the number of teachers with disabilities, as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. If you are not sure whether you consider yourself disabled as defined by the Act, or need information, please contact the Equality and Human Rights Commission on 0845 604 6610 (phone), 0845 604 6630 (fax), 0845 604 6620 (textphone), or visit www.equalityhumanrights.com

Ethnicity:

Please put a cross in one box to indicate your cultural background. This information will be used to estimate the number of teachers from different ethnic groups to enable the TA to track and help monitor equal opportunities for all teachers.

White

British

Irish

Other

Black, Black British

Caribbean

African

Other

Asian, Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Other

Mixed

White & Black Caribbean

White & Black African

White & Asian

Other

Chinese, Chinese British or other ethnic background

Chinese

Other

Prefer not to state

Put a cross here if you prefer not to state your ethnic group