



Introducing iQTS: international qualified teacher status

What's iQTS?

iQTS is a new, UK government-backed international teaching qualification which is recognised by the Department for Education (DfE) as equivalent to English qualified teacher status (QTS).

iQTS will be delivered by DfE-approved iQTS providers, working in partnership with excellent schools and selected in-school mentors around the world.

With the help of your expertise and experience, we can make gold standard teacher training accessible to candidates anywhere in the world.



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iQTS: Our goals



Make high-quality teacher training **available to everyone, wherever they are in the world**



Increase the **global pool of excellent teachers**



Support schools outside the UK to **recruit, retain and develop local talent**



Create an **international, transferable teaching qualification**

Partner with us to deliver iQTS

The benefits for your school:

- **Develop the skills and experience of your teaching staff**, when they apply to complete iQTS alongside their work in school
- **Make your school a more attractive employer and improve retention** when you offer iQTS as a continuing professional development (CPD) option for new staff
- **Benefit from iQTS trainees on placement working in your school as additional staff**, for a minimum of 120 days a year
- **Provide career progression for your existing or experienced staff**, when they sign up to mentor candidates through the iQTS programme
- **Build teaching talent in your region** and join a network of professionals sharing resources, best practice and expertise
- Give direct feedback to DfE to **help shape the structure and delivery of iQTS year on year**

What's involved?

DfE has designed iQTS to be a high-quality professional teaching qualification with the flexibility to adapt to the trainee's local context.

The course, which lasts one academic year full time, or longer part time, consists of:



A minimum of 120 days in placement schools, with practical classroom experience plus support and feedback from an in-school mentor



Training delivered by an approved iQTS provider, either in person or remotely



Regular feedback and assessment, conducted by an approved iQTS provider



Rigorous quality assurance through an international inspection framework

What's needed from you?

As a partner school working with an iQTS training provider, you would need to:

- Facilitate the required **classroom experience**
- Deliver **in-school mentoring**, provided by an experienced member of your staff
- Allow trainees to be **observed in school** as part of the provider assessment process
- **Work closely with the iQTS training provider** to maintain standards
- **Supply feedback to DfE** to help improve iQTS for future candidates



Becoming a mentor for iQTS trainees

Provide valuable career progression for your existing staff when they sign up to mentor candidates through the iQTS programme.

- **Upskill existing staff members** with additional support and mentoring training from your chosen iQTS training provider
- Learn more about the English teacher training curriculum and Teachers' Standards, and **share your own knowledge, experience and best practice**
- **Improve staff retention** with the additional continuing professional development opportunities

How to participate?

To find out more and sign your school up for next the academic year, [visit our web page](https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/international-qualified-teacher-status) (getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/international-qualified-teacher-status) to see a full list of participating providers who you can contact directly.

Alternatively, you can also contact DfE on iqts.policy@education.gov.uk to learn more about participating as a partner school.



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