

ASSESSMENT ONLY ROUTE TO QTS: APPLICATION GUIDANCE

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We are part of Future Academies, a family of seven schools in London and Hertfordshire. Our motto is *libertas per cultum* (freedom through education) and we have the highest expectations of our students and what they can achieve.

WHAT IS THE ASSESSMENT ONLY ROUTE?

The Assessment Only Route is designed for teachers supported by an employing school with considerable classroom experience who are looking to gain Qualified Teacher Status.

Successful applicants will be assessed twice in their school by a qualified assessor. They will assess the progress of the teacher in meeting the teachers' standards.

WHEN DOES THE ROUTE START?

The route can be started at any point during the academic year. If you meet all the requirements of entry and have received your application, we will book you in for an interview. If you are successful at interview, you will then begin the assessment phase. This usually takes around 12 weeks.

WHAT CAN THIS ROUTE LEAD TO?

Many very experienced, but unqualified teachers find the lack of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) limits their career progression opportunities and job prospects.

The Assessment Only Route is an ideal way to secure QTS without further training or study. It also helps schools develop and reward hardworking staff whilst giving their governors and parents the reassurance of a fully qualified cohort of teachers.

Applicants can use this qualification to obtain further qualifications such as the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) with another institution if they so wish.

STUDENT WORK

This is an assessment-only route to QTS that does not require further training or study. However, you will be expected to produce a portfolio of evidence against the QTS standards. We use an online system to do this.

Candidates must be able to show that they have taught for **at least** two years in two schools and across two key stages. These schools do not have to be within the UK, however you will need to be employed by a school in England within a reasonable distance in order to do the route with us. We may ask the school that is supporting you through the process to sign a partnership agreement with us to ensure that you are properly supported, and the school is clear on its obligations.

On successful completion of the assessment phase Future Training will recommend the applicant to the Teachers Standards Agency (TSA) for the award of QTS and they will issue you with a Teachers Reference Number.

FEE

The fee for the whole process is £2,100. There is a deposit of £200 in order to conduct your interview. This will be followed by further payments of £950 at each assessment point.

APPLY

Applicants should complete our application form. You must include a declaration of support completed by the Headteacher of the school where you are currently teaching. Applicants will be shortlisted and interviewed in line with the normal selection procedures for SCITT candidates. These include:

- Completion of the DfE Professional Skills tests in Literacy and Numeracy (Before 1st April 2020)
- Degree certificates being provided
- Other certificates being provided to show GCSE grades C-A* have been achieved in English and Maths, or accepted equivalencies.

PRE-ASSESSMENT PHASE

During the pathway, applicants will prepare an audit of their teaching experience against the Teaching Standards (2012). They also need to provide evidence of their degree status, and passes at GCSE (or equivalent) in Maths and English and if looking at Primary teaching, GCSE Science as well.

Applicants will only proceed to the Assessment Phase if it is considered that the standards for Qualified Teacher Status are achievable within the time frame, and whether this is achievable is something that will be discussed with leaders at your supporting school.

INTERVIEW

Applicants, or schools supporting applicants, are required to pay £200 for the interview. The interview will include a face-to-face interview, and a written task to assess the candidate's level of subject knowledge. If we decide to continue into the assessment phase, we will discuss arrangements with the applicant and their supporting school in order to set up their two assessments.

ASSESSMENT PHASE

Applicants will begin the formal assessment process. A Future Training Assessor will make two visits to the school during the Assessment Phase, and will be responsible for ensuring that the Teaching Standards are being correctly assessed. At the end of the Assessment Phase the assessor will complete a final assessment and the candidate will present an evidence portfolio which demonstrates that they have consistently met the Teaching Standards across the key stages. The evidence will then be considered, and if of sufficient quality, successful applicants will be recommended for the award of Qualified Teacher Status.

NQT PHASE

Once QTS has been obtained your school will need to arrange for your NQT period. This can be completed between one term up to one year, depending upon the amount of experience you have gained over the years and can be discussed during the assessment phase.