



# 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.

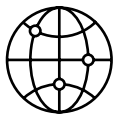
With the help of your expertise and experience, we can make gold standard teacher training accessible to candidates anywhere in the world.



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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
- Become an early adopter and 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 the next 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.pilot@education.gov.uk](mailto:iqts.pilot@education.gov.uk) to learn more about participating as a partner school.



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