



## Achieving Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills Status (QTLS)

Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) is a status gained by successfully completing professional formation. This process enables you to demonstrate that you are continuing to develop and apply the skills and knowledge gained from your initial teaching qualification to your practice.

The Society for Education and Training (through its parent organisation the Education and Training Foundation) is currently the only body that can confer QTLS status.

### What will you learn?

Underpinned by the professional teacher standards, the QTLS helps applicants to build upon their existing practice and develop new skills and knowledge. Applicants will be able to demonstrate the impact of this professional formation process on their teaching practice to employers and colleagues.

### Qualification information

QTLS status is recognised in law as equal to QTS for teaching in schools  
 QTLS status demonstrates your commitment, skills and knowledge to employers  
 Recognition of your status as a professional teacher or trainer  
 Valuable continuing professional development (CPD) that builds confidence and enhances your skills  
 Members with QTLS can use these initials as a designation.

### Who can study?

A minimum level 5 initial teacher training qualification such as DET or equivalent is necessary before QTLS professional formation can be undertaken, making this qualification suitable for:

- Qualified FE teachers working as teaching assistants, tutors or instructors in schools or sixth form colleges. Assessment practices
- Teachers or trainers who have recently completed their initial teacher training, as well as those who already have experience of teaching

### Duration

The course typically takes three to six months; however can be completed earlier or later than this.