

WHAT IS QTLS?

Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) is the badge of professionalism for practitioners in the Further Education and Training sector.

QTLS is a nationally-recognised status that you can gain by successfully completing a "professional formation" process, enabling you to develop and demonstrate your skills and knowledge through your practice. Achieving QTLS signals to employers and colleagues your commitment to excellence and brings additional impact to your teaching.

The process of professional formation that leads to the awarding of QTLS status provides a rich developmental opportunity that enables you to show progression and to work collaboratively with your supporter and your colleagues.

Underpinned by the Professional Standards for Teachers and Trainers, QTLS will help you to critically reflect on the difference the process has had on your practice and learners.

WHO'S IT FOR?

- Teachers, trainers and professionals working in the Further Education and Training sector.
- Qualified staff in a teaching role working with post-14 learners (Years 10, 11 and above) in a school or sixth form college, where QTLS continues to be recognised in law as having parity with QTS.
- Teachers or trainers who have recently completed their initial teacher training, as well as those who already have experience of teaching.



THE BENEFITS OF QTLS

Gaining QTLS status:



enhances your career prospects



offers recognition of your status as a professional teacher or trainer



is valuable CPD that will enhance your knowledge and skills, and build your confidence



is an opportunity to engage with relevant educational theory and research and work collaboratively with colleagues to improve your practice



allows you to use the initials as a designation and display a QTLS digital pin on your online profiles



is recognised in law as having parity with QTS. Anyone who gains or has gained QTLS is eligible to work in schools as a qualified teacher



sets you on the pathway to Advanced Teacher Status (ATS), which recognises mastery level expertise in experienced teachers and trainers

Over 20,000 professionals have achieved QTLS since its introduction in 2008

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WHY DOES QTLS MATTER?

“I would recommend QTLS because it has been very rewarding and fulfilling. Employers are looking for teachers and trainers who are committed to continuous professional development. QTLS has definitely boosted my career prospects.”

ALESSIA DI MEO, QTLS | FUNCTIONAL SKILLS TUTOR (APPRENTICESHIPS)



“Gaining QTLS has significantly and positively impacted on my students. I have also kept up to date with new technologies in the classroom, increasing learner engagement and motivation. This is evident in the students' grades that have been achieved since.”

POLLY WARDLE, QTLS | SENIOR SPORTS LECTURER

“QTLS is a fantastic way to unlock and improve your teaching practice and it is a great industry-recognised professional status. It will enhance your reputation and career prospects as well as demonstrate to your learners your continued dedication to improving teaching and learning.”

CALVIN MAYE, QTLS | MIS MANAGER



TO REGISTER FOR QTLS

Check the SET website for the next available QTLS registration window, of which there are 3 a year. Registration is online and the cost of undertaking the process is £485. Payment can be made in full upon registration, or a deposit of £110 is required, followed by 3 monthly direct debit payments of £125, to allow you to spread the cost.

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HOW CAN YOU ACHIEVE QTLS?

To be awarded with QTLS status, you need to be a member of the Society for Education and Training.

Then you need to undertake the “professional formation” process over a period normally lasting approximately six months and including five stages:

1. Self-assessment:

In order to benchmark your starting point for professional formation, you will carry out an online assessment of your knowledge, skills and understanding measured against the Professional Standards.

2. Professional development plan:

You will identify areas of your practice that you will address during QTLS, informed by the results of your self-assessment and an observation of your teaching.

3. CPD record:

This enables you to keep a record of your CPD activity in the areas you have identified in your professional development plan.

4. Critical reflection:

You will critically reflect on the impact QTLS has had on your practice, learners and organisation, evidenced by a final observation.

5. Final action plan:

Here you will identify further areas for professional development, once you have been awarded QTLS status.



ABOUT SET

The Society for Education and Training (SET) is the only professional membership body dedicated to teachers working in FE and training who strive for excellence in all they do.

With 17,000 members and rapidly rising, we are the largest membership body in the education sector.

SET (through its parent organisation, the Education and Training Foundation (ETF)) is the only body that can confer QTLS status.



Striving for Excellence

In order to apply for QTLS, you need to be a member of SET. This will give you access to a range of benefits, as part of SET membership:

Your career

- Your pathway to Advanced Teacher Status (ATS), the highly sought badge of advanced professionalism and mastery in further education and training, for those who have held QTLS for over a year and held an initial teacher education qualification for four years
- Exclusive access to our online resource library of essential CPD content, powered by EBSCO, as well as an e-learning platform and discounts on ETF's CPD courses

Your profession

- Be part of ETF, promoting and championing the quality of the sector's teachers, trainers, assessors and leaders
- Receive our highly-regarded *inTuition*, the most widely-read journal for those working in post-16 education
- Measure and demonstrate your development progress, with our online self-assessment and CPD planner, using the Professional Standards

Your community

- Reach out and contribute to your SET community via member-only webinars, local network groups and facebook communities
- Become a valued mentor on our mentoring service, or gain valuable support from the service as a mentee



QTLS: Get the recognition you deserve

ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL STATUS,
ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

READY TO GET STARTED? Register at set.et-foundation.co.uk/qtls

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