QTLS: Get the recognition you deserve

Enhance your professional status, advance your career
What is QTLS?

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

QTLS is a nationally-recognised status that you can gain by completing a 'professional formation' process, where you demonstrate development of your skills and knowledge through your teaching practice.

The programme enables you to show progression and to work collaboratively with your supporter and your colleagues.

It is proven to bring additional impact and confidence to your teaching and improve learner outcomes.

Achieving QTLS signals to employers and colleagues your commitment to excellence. Underpinned by the Professional Standards, the QTLS process will help you to critically reflect on the difference made to your practice and learners.

Who’s it for?

Teachers and trainers working in the Further Education and Training sector, including those who have recently completed their initial teacher training and those who already have experience of teaching.

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 is recognised in law as having parity with QTS.
Benefits of QTLS status

Gaining QTLS status:

- offers recognition of your status as a professional teacher or trainer
- is an opportunity to work collaboratively with colleagues to improve your practice
- is valuable CPD designed to enhance your teaching knowledge and skills
- allows you to use the initials MSET QTLS as a designation
- offers an opportunity to engage with relevant educational theory and research
- is recognised in law as having parity with QTS, so that you are also eligible to work in schools
- sets you on the pathway to Advanced Teacher Status (ATS), which recognises mastery level expertise
- enhances your career prospects

Over 22,000 professionals have achieved QTLS since its introduction in 2008
What QTLS holders say

“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, MSET QTLS | MIS MANAGER

“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, MSET QTLS | FUNCTIONAL SKILLS TUTOR (APPRENTICESHIPS)

“I believe QTLS opens doors to new opportunities, new places of work and gives me a focus for my teaching. I never really took a step back and thought about how much I did at my place of work, so it was good to have a focus and reflect on what I was doing inside of the college.”

NICK CHADWICK, MSET QTLS | EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT MANAGER
How to register for QTLS

You can express your interest in QTLS at any time by submitting your details on the SET website. We will then contact you when the QTLS registration windows are open. This is usually in September to join an October cohort and December to join a January cohort.

You can then register for the QTLS programme on the SET website. To register for QTLS you need to be a full SET member.

Ways to pay:

- Full payment online of £485
- Deposit of £110 followed by 3x monthly direct debits of £125
- Invoice issued to employer where relevant
Once you have registered for QTLS you will gain access to an online workbook which you have about six months to complete, undertaking the following six stages:

**1. Self-assessment:** Benchmark your starting point by completing an online assessment of your knowledge and skills measured against the Professional Standards.

**2. Professional development plan:** 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:** Keep a record of your CPD activity in the areas you have identified in your professional development plan.

**4. Critical reflection:** 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 that you will focus on after being awarded QTLS status.

**6. Share with your supporter:** Check your portfolio is complete and submit to your supporter in time for the deadline.
About SET
Striving for Excellence

The Society for Education and Training (SET) is the professional membership body dedicated to teachers working across further education, vocational teaching and training.

All members strive for excellence in all they do. SET helps you progress your career, inspires you to be an even better education and training professional and connects you with thousands of like-minded professionals and experts.

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

Benefits of SET membership

Your career:
- Exclusive access to an online resource library of essential CPD content
- Your pathway to Advanced Teacher Status (ATS), the badge of advanced professionalism and mastery
- 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 inTuition quarterly, the most widely-read journal for those working in post-16 education
- Measure and demonstrate your development against the Professional Standards, with an online self-assessment tool and CPD planner

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