



Evidencing the skills and qualifications of tutors in **adult and community learning services**

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Do your tutors have professional status? Do you know what their options are?

Qualified tutors are your most valuable resource. They support your organisation in delivering a successful, high quality service. Recent reforms have brought in changes so all your tutors can attain professional status in recognition of their professionalism. However, this needn't mean hours of retraining for your tutors with existing qualifications. Check the **Tariff of Qualifications (ITT) database** to identify where your tutors can start their journey to gaining their licence to practise for professional status.

How do the reforms affect and benefit adult and community learning services and their tutors?

The aim of the reforms, implemented in September 2007, is to have a fully qualified workforce by 2010. The reforms apply to adult and community learning services and their tutors through all contractual arrangements (direct and sub-contract) with the Learning and Skills Council in England. The reforms include:

- changes to initial teacher training qualifications
- a commitment to continuing professional development, and
- the concept of a licence to practise – Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) or Associate Teacher Learning and Skills (ATLS).

Investing in the reforms and committing to supporting professional development will ensure your learners benefit from the best learning experiences to help them

achieve their aspirations. Your service will benefit from attracting and retaining the best qualified staff; your tutors will benefit by having a recognised and respected professional status.

What is the Tariff of Qualifications (ITT)?

New qualifications introduced as part of the reforms are unit based. This facilitates a flexible approach to initial tutor training. The Tariff is an interactive database that maps existing tutor qualifications to the units of the three new classes of qualifications:

- Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS)
- Certificate in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (CTLLS)
- Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS)



How can the Tariff help adult and community learning services and their tutors?

By checking the Tariff for the relationship between existing and new qualifications you can support your tutors in planning their continuing professional development. Many tutors will already have the appropriate qualification for their role. For others, the Tariff provides information that will enable exemptions to be negotiated for skills/qualifications already gained and so start their journey to professional status at the appropriate point, possibly saving hours of retraining. Check the Tariff at www.tariff.svuk.eu.

How else can Standards Verification UK help your tutors work towards professional status?

A mandatory element for achieving a licence is evidencing personal literacy and numeracy skills. Standards Verification UK hosts the approved lists of literacy and numeracy qualifications. Check if those held by your tutors are eligible as evidence at: <http://www.standardsverificationuk.org/2924.htm>.

The Institute for Learning (IfL) is the professional body for further education in England and manages professional formation, the process by which tutors can gain professional status. Further information is available from IfL at: www.ifl.ac.uk.

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If you have any further questions, or for tutor qualifications not included on the Tariff of Qualifications (ITT) database, please contact the Tariff team:

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USEFUL LINKS

Tariff of Qualifications (ITT): www.tariff.svuk.eu

Further guidance on the reforms and their impact on adult and community learning services and their tutors is available from Lifelong Learning UK:

<http://www.lluk.org/3272.htm>

Lifelong Learning UK Information and Advice Service:
<http://www.lluk.org/2852.htm>



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