



Evidencing the skills and qualifications of teaching staff in the **third sector**

Do teachers and trainers in your organisation have professional status? Do you know what their options are?

Teaching and learning delivered by the third sector forms a significant service benefiting many adult learners. It is often done through contractual arrangements with other further education providers. Recent reforms impose obligations directly on further education institutions and by contractual obligations on third sector organisations. The changes include the introduction of new teaching qualifications and attaining professional status. However, this needn't mean hours of retraining for teachers or trainers with existing qualifications. Check the **Tariff of Qualifications (ITT) database** to identify where your teaching staff can start their journey to gaining their licence to practise for professional status.

How do the reforms affect and benefit third sector organisations and their teaching staff?

The aim of the reforms, implemented in September 2007, is to have a fully qualified workforce by 2010. The reforms apply to third sector organisations and their teaching staff 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 organisation will benefit from being able to continue to attract funding for learning and your teaching staff 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 teaching training. The Tariff is an interactive database that maps existing teacher and trainer 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 third sector organisations and their teaching staff?

By checking the Tariff for the relationship between existing and new qualifications you can support your staff in planning their continuing professional development. Many teachers and trainers will already hold 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 teaching staff 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 teaching staff 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 teaching staff can gain professional status. Further information is available from IfL at: www.ifl.ac.uk.

CONTACT

If you have any further questions, or for teaching/training 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 third sector organisations and their teaching staff 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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