



Evidencing skills and qualifications of work based learning trainers

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

Reviewing and updating staff skills and qualifications is a significant activity for work based learning providers to ensure they retain their competitive edge. Recent reforms have brought in changes to enable your trainers to attain professional status in recognition of their professionalism. However, this needn't mean hours of retraining for your trainers with existing qualifications. Check the **Tariff of Qualifications (ITT) database** to identify where your trainers can start their journey to gaining their licence to practise for professional status.

How do the reforms affect and benefit work based learning providers and their trainers?

The aim of the reforms, implemented in September 2007, is to have a fully qualified workforce by 2010. The reforms apply to work based learning providers and their trainers 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 attracting and retaining the best qualified staff; your trainers 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 trainer training. The Tariff is an interactive database that maps existing 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 work based learning providers and their trainers?

By checking the Tariff for the relationship between existing and new qualifications you can support your trainers in planning their continuing professional development. Many 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 trainers 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 trainers 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 trainers 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 trainer 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 work based learning providers and their trainers 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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