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# Dear colleague

Teaching is a great job. It is one which is both a challenge and a joy. Every teacher awarded qualified teacher status (QTS), is required to complete an induction period of, usually, one year.

The NUT believes that induction must be a supportive process which helps new teachers to begin to develop further their professional confidence and competence. It must not, therefore, create additional burdens for teachers.

This document will provide new teachers with answers to many of the questions which arise during the induction period.

May I take this opportunity to wish you every success in your induction and in your career. The NUT will be there to support you at every stage.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



Kevin Courtney  
General Secretary



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# Know your • union rep

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## I have QTS. What next?

You have been awarded qualified teacher status (QTS). Now you are required to complete an induction programme and to meet the *Teachers' Standards* (England) or *Practising Teacher Standards* (Wales).

### Appropriate bodies

The appropriate body is responsible for deciding whether you meet the *Teachers' Standards* (England) or the *Practising Teacher Standards* (Wales), based on your head teacher's recommendation.

### What are the *Teachers' Standards* (England)?

The *Teachers' Standards* are used to assess all those completing their statutory induction period, as well as all other teachers in maintained schools. The decision about whether an NQT has met the relevant standards upon completion of induction should take into account the NQT's work context and must be made on the basis

of what can be reasonably expected of an NQT by the end of their induction period within the framework set out by the *Standards*. Judgements should reflect the expectation that NQTs have effectively consolidated their initial teacher education and demonstrated their ability to meet the relevant standards consistently over a sustained period in their practice.

### What are the *Practising Teacher Standards* (Wales)?

For NQTs in Wales, the practice review and development model provides the overarching context for their long-term development and sets out the practising teacher standards they are required to meet at the end of their induction period. This model aims to raise standards of teaching and improve learner outcomes across Wales by linking together practitioners' professional standards, performance management and professional development into one coherent system.

## Where can I complete my induction period?

Induction can be served in the following institutions if certain criteria are met:

- a relevant school in England – this includes a maintained infant, junior, primary, secondary or middle school; a maintained or non-maintained nursery school; a nursery school that forms part of a maintained school; a local authority maintained children’s centre; and a pupil referral unit (PRU)
- an independent school in England (including academies, free schools, and city technology colleges) or an independent nursery school that chooses to offer statutory induction
- a further education (FE) institution including a sixth form college in England
- a school or FE institution in Wales in which an induction period may be served under the *Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (Wales) Regulations 2005* including maintained schools, maintained nursery schools that provide an opportunity to meet the standards, non-maintained special schools and independent schools that meet the national curriculum requirements
- a British school overseas which is inspected by a DfE approved inspectorate against the *British Schools Overseas Standards* and is a member of a DfE accredited association.

Induction cannot be served in the following institutions (with some exceptions):

- a secure training centre
- a school requiring special measures (see page 7)
- an FE institution judged to be inadequate (category 4) (see page 7)
- an FE institution that has received a category 4 for leadership and management (see page 7)
- independent schools and nursery schools as well as other early years settings that do not offer statutory induction or meet the national curriculum requirements
- a pupil referral unit in Wales
- community or foundation special schools established in hospitals in Wales
- schools abroad, including British Schools Overseas that:
  - have not received a recent inspection (within the last four years) from an approved inspectorate
  - have received an inspection judgement but have not met satisfactorily all of the standards/categories.

### Where induction may be served or continued in a maintained school in special measures or an FE institution which has been judged inadequate:

- schools can continue to host induction where a teacher was employed on an employment based initial teacher education scheme in the school prior to gaining QTS, or had already started an induction period in the school, before the school entered special measures
- generally, once a school has entered special measures it is not permitted to recruit any new NQTs. However an Ofsted inspector may make a judgement on whether the school is suitable for the purposes of induction. In some cases, particularly with larger schools, Ofsted may give permission for NQT appointments within specific departments or subject departments of the school
- NQTs already serving induction in an FE institution where the overall effectiveness of the institution, or part of its education and training, have been judged to be inadequate (category 4) at the time of inspection, can continue to serve induction. FE institutions judged as inadequate, or where leadership and management is judged inadequate, may ask Ofsted to make a judgement on their ability, wholly or in part, to host induction and seek Ofsted's permission to do so
- in all cases, the appropriate body must be satisfied that such circumstances will not unfairly compromise the NQT's ability to complete induction successfully.

## Is there a time limit to starting induction?

While NQTs are encouraged to start their induction as soon as possible after gaining qualified teacher status (QTS), there is no set time limit for starting or completing an induction period. This applies in England and Wales.

## Will supply work count towards induction?

### Supply in England

Supply work in a relevant school will count towards induction if it is for a term or more. Supply work of less than a term (ie short-term supply) will not count towards induction. However, if you begin work at a relevant school on a short-term supply basis and this is extended, an induction programme must be put in place immediately it becomes clear that the extended contract will continue for a further term or more.

### Supply in Wales

Supply work in a relevant school will count towards induction even if it is for less than a term. However, the work undertaken must be for at least one school session (ie one morning or one afternoon). If you undertake supply work on a short-term basis (ie for less than a term), you should ensure you complete the EWC's *Induction as a short-term supply teacher notification form* prior to the commencement of the induction period or at the very latest within ten days of the start of the induction. You must also record each period of employment of a session or more with the EWC. Further information is available on the EWC website at [ewc.wales](http://ewc.wales)

## Can I complete my induction by working in more than one school?

There is no prohibition against serving induction in more than one institution simultaneously provided each separate contract of employment is for at least a term in England, or a session in Wales. Your separate contracts will be added together to calculate the number of days/sessions in which induction must be served and recorded by your lead head teacher/principal.

## How long must my induction last if I work part-time?

### England

NQTs serving induction on a part-time basis will need to serve the full-time equivalent (FTE) of one full academic year. Therefore an NQT working part-time as a 0.5 FTE will need to serve induction for two academic years.

### Wales

All part-time NQTs must complete an induction period of 380 school sessions.

**Note:** Short term placements of less than one term cannot count towards induction, except in Wales, where evidence of individual school sessions can be considered.



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Find out more and apply online at [teachers.org.uk/learning](https://www.teachers.org.uk/learning)

## Are there exemptions from statutory induction?

### England

If you are a qualified overseas trained teacher from anywhere in the European Economic Area (EEA)/Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Canada or the United States of America you may teach in England without undertaking statutory induction. For more information on QTS in England contact the QTS team at [qts.enquiries@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:qts.enquiries@education.gsi.gov.uk)

If you have been awarded Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills status (QTLS) by the Institute for Learning (IFL) and are a member of IFL you are not required to undertake statutory induction.

There are a number of other exemptions from induction and further information can be found in the DfE's guidance *Induction for newly qualified teachers* at [gov.uk](#)

### Wales

If you are a qualified overseas trained teacher from anywhere in the EEA/Switzerland you may teach in Wales without undertaking statutory induction. For more information on QTS in Wales contact the EWC for application form EC1.

If you are a qualified overseas trained teacher from outside the EEA you may be exempt from the requirement to complete an induction period in Wales subject to certain conditions. Overseas-trained teachers requiring further information should email the Welsh Government at [inductioninfo@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:inductioninfo@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

There are a number of other exemptions from induction and further information can be found in the Welsh Government's guidance on *Induction for newly qualified teachers in Wales* at [cymru.gov.uk](http://cymru.gov.uk)

## What about the skills tests?

In England, all trainee teachers are required to pass skills tests in numeracy and literacy before they can be awarded QTS.

All applicants to initial teacher education are now required to pass these skills tests in numeracy and literacy before starting their course.

Further information about the skills tests can be found at [sta.education.gov.uk](http://sta.education.gov.uk)

If you are undertaking initial teacher education in Wales, some institutions will require you to sit and pass a literacy and numeracy test at interview before starting the course. Once on the course, trainee teachers are audited at regular intervals and at the end of the course they need to have demonstrated that they have at least maintained their performance levels before being awarded QTS. At present, there is no formal Welsh Government end of course literacy and numeracy test.



# The NUT— the union for new teachers

Get involved in your union as soon as you start your teaching career by:

- networking with other new teachers at local and national Union events
- letting the Union know what's important to you as a new teacher
- supporting local and national NUT campaigns
- becoming active in your school or local area as an NUT representative.



For further details about how to get involved contact the NUT at [newteachers@nut.org.uk](mailto:newteachers@nut.org.uk)

## What are my entitlements during induction? What can I reasonably expect?

The NUT believes that induction programmes should be reasonable. It also believes that you should be entitled to a permanent contract.

**You are entitled to** a reasonable job description that:

- does not make unreasonable demands
- does not demand teaching outside the age range and subject(s) for which you have been trained (Wales) or employed (England)
- does not present you on a day-to-day basis with acute or unreasonably demanding discipline problems
- involves regular teaching of the same class(es)
- involves similar planning, teaching and assessment processes to those in which teachers working in similar substantive posts in the school are engaged
- does not involve additional non-teaching responsibilities without the provision of appropriate preparation and support.

In addition, **you are entitled to:**

- access the Teachers' Pension Scheme
- access to recognised trade union support and representation
- access to all INSET days and other training opportunities

- equal access to admin support
- work in an environment free from discrimination and harassment
- access to a counselling service

**You are entitled to** a reduced teaching load of no more than 90 per cent of the timetable of other main pay range teachers in the school without responsibility points. This is in addition to the timetable reduction in respect of planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA) that all teachers receive. The NUT believes that your released time from teaching for induction purposes should be:

- in usable blocks, not less than half a day
- timetabled well in advance to allow planned use of the time
- not dependent on increased teaching loads for other teachers
- covered regularly by the same experienced teachers so that pupils' learning and good standards of behaviour can continue
- timetabled and not cancelled other than in extreme circumstances.

**You are entitled to** a planned induction programme, tailored to your individual needs and circumstances, that includes opportunities for you to:

- have your teaching observed at regular intervals throughout your induction period and have a follow-up discussion. Observations should focus on particular aspects of your teaching
- have regular professional reviews of your progress
- observe experienced teachers in your own or other schools.

In Wales, the induction programme will be based on your career entry profile.

Arrangements for observations of your teaching should be made well in advance and a brief written record should be made on each occasion. You are advised by the NUT to keep copies of such records.

**You are entitled to** an induction tutor to provide day-to-day monitoring and support.

In Wales, the head teacher must identify a school-based mentor who will work with you. The Newly Qualified Teacher Programme for induction and mentoring will be coordinated by

the regional consortia. If you would like further information about the external mentor arrangements, please contact your consortium directly.

**You are entitled to** support from your head teacher, who has overall responsibility for your induction programme and for assessing whether or not you satisfactorily meet the *Teachers' Standards* (England) or the *Practising Teacher Standards* (Wales) and for ensuring that you receive advice on:

- timetabling of lessons and support arrangements, names and contacts of induction tutors and a schedule for formal assessment and meetings
- reporting arrangements and entitlements to pay during sickness absences, named contacts for other absences, eg maternity leave
- arrangements for pay
- provisions for pensions and any other entitlements
- health and safety and equal opportunities policies
- other relevant policies including arrangements for cover and child protection
- the nature of the contract of employment, a list of duties and management arrangements.

**You are entitled to** oversight by the appropriate body. It should provide a named individual for you to raise any concerns about your induction which go beyond the school's systems or procedures.

**The NUT believes that you should be entitled to** a supportive approach to your assessment, which should emphasise success and achievement rather than over-emphasise difficulties or shortcomings. Assessments, including targets, should be reviewed by you and your induction tutor and amended to meet any needs identified during formal assessment.

## I am an NQT in Wales – do I need to use my Career Entry Profile?

The Career Entry Profile in Wales is designed to help trainees and NQTs think about their professional development.

It is based on three transition points:

- towards the end of initial teacher education
- at the start of induction
- at the end of induction.

All new teachers in Wales are required to share their Profile with the school where they are doing induction. Your Profile should contain valuable information about your strengths and development priority areas, so that you and your school-based mentor can work together to develop an induction action plan based on your Profile responses. It may also be used to support the induction process, for example, by helping you and your school-based mentor to review and revise the action plan. Your external mentor will need to see your Profile.

## Do I have to teach a full timetable?

No, the head teacher must ensure an NQT has a reduced timetable of no more than 90 per cent of the timetable of other main scale teachers in the school to enable them to undertake activities in their induction programme. This is in addition to your entitlement to 10 per cent PPA time. NQTs in independent schools, including academies and free schools, independent nursery schools and FE colleges, must also have a reduced timetable on a comparable basis.

## Am I entitled to PPA time?

Yes, you are entitled to a timetable reduction in respect of planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA) that all teachers receive.

## How can I find out more?

### [teachers.org.uk](http://teachers.org.uk)

Visit the NUT website to keep up to date on campaigns and your pay and conditions.

### [gov.uk/dfes](http://gov.uk/dfes)

The Department for Education (DfE) home page on the Government website sets out the expectations and requirements for induction in England.

### [learning.wales.gov.uk](http://learning.wales.gov.uk)

The website of the Welsh Government sets out the expectations and requirements for induction in Wales.

### [ewc.wales](http://ewc.wales)

Tel: **029 2046 0099**

Email: **information@ewc.wales**

Contact the Education Workforce Council for advice on registration in Wales and for advice on induction and the subsequent two years of Early Professional Development in Wales, including funding.

## What support will I have from the NUT?

Members are welcome to seek advice and support from the NUT at any stage of their induction period. If you do have any concerns it is in your interest to have these addressed as early as possible. Don't leave it too late! You should seek advice from the NUT if:

- you believe that you are not receiving your entitlements
- you consider that the Union's recommendations for good practice, identified in this document, have not been met and that has impinged upon your successful induction
- lengthy absence affects your induction period, such as prolonged or recurring absence through illness
- you need advice on maternity leave during induction
- you are concerned about the support provided to you in school and believe that the professional/working relationships with your induction tutor, head teacher or other members of staff are inhibiting your progress
- you are concerned at all about the success of your induction period or wish to appeal against a formal decision.

## How do I get in touch?

In school your first point of contact with the Union is your NUT representative. If there is no NUT representative in your workplace, in England you should contact NUT AdviceLine and, in Wales, NUT Cymru.

For advice and guidance in England contact:

### **NUT AdviceLine**

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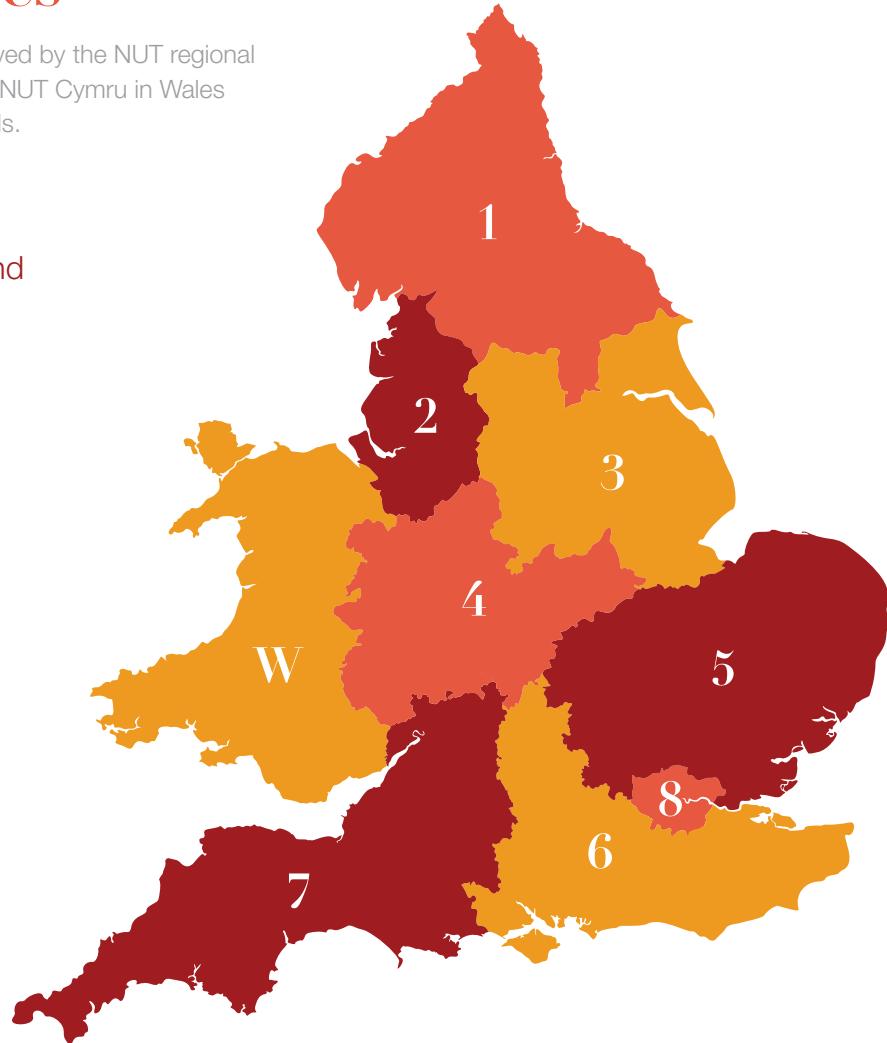
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# NUT regions and Wales

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- 1 Northern
- 2 North West
- 3 Yorkshire/Midland
- 4 Midlands
- 5 Eastern
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