

# OVERSEAS- TRAINED TEACHERS



A guide to the General Teaching Council for England



# WELCOME TO THE GTC

# WHAT WE DO

You are one of more than 5,000 overseas-trained teachers to hold provisional registration with the General Teaching Council for England, the independent professional body for teaching in England.

Overseas-trained teachers provide an invaluable role in our education service. By being provisionally registered with the GTC, you show that you are part of the professional teaching workforce in England.

We keep a register of the teaching profession, including overseas-trained teachers, and set out and maintain standards for the teaching profession in the public interest.

We provide advice to the Government and other agencies on important issues that affect the quality of teaching and learning.

We work with the teaching profession to make sure our advice is based on practical experience and reliable research.

We bring together the profession and other partners with an interest in the education service, including parents, governors and employers.



# REGISTERING WITH THE GTC

All overseas-trained teachers who work in maintained schools and non-maintained special schools must provisionally register with the GTC, as must overseas-trained teachers in most academies. Overseas-trained teachers who work elsewhere can choose to provisionally register.

Trainee teachers and instructors also provisionally register with the GTC.

Teachers who hold qualified teacher status (QTS) hold full registration with the GTC.

The Register is the public's guarantee that the teaching workforce is of good standing. It reassures parents that their children are being taught by a regulated, skilled and trusted profession.

Schools and employers have to check that overseas-trained teachers who are required to provisionally register have done so. If they have not provisionally registered, they cannot employ them.

The annual fee is £36.50, for the full year starting 1 April 2010. It will become payable for instructors on 1 October 2010; next year's fee will be payable on 1 April 2011.

This is **one of the very lowest** professional registration fees payable anywhere, and there are no reductions for part-time work or refunds for part months.

The fee is the same for registration and for provisional registration, though trainee teachers are exempt. If you attain QTS, you can become fully registered.

# SERVICES FOR OVERSEAS-TRAINED TEACHERS

We will send you your provisional registration card soon after we receive your fee in October, and you will start receiving *Teaching: the GTC magazine* every term as well. The magazine tells you more about the GTC's work for teaching and how you can become involved.

**The Teacher Learning Academy** can help you improve your work with pupils through your own learning.

For more information, go to **[www.teacherlearningacademy.org.uk](http://www.teacherlearningacademy.org.uk)**.

Our **networks** link teaching professionals around the country and provide them with the latest research and evidence.

To find out more, go to **[www.gtce.org.uk/networks](http://www.gtce.org.uk/networks)**

**Research for Teachers** provides a summary of research topics which you can use in your work.

See **[www.gtce.org.uk/teachers/rft](http://www.gtce.org.uk/teachers/rft)**

# A CODE FOR TEACHING

You should already have received your copy of the new code for teaching. It makes a **powerful, positive statement about teaching today**, and sets out what the public can expect from teaching professionals, based on the values the profession has.

The code is based on the views of the profession, parents, pupils, governors, employers and other people. Everyone we asked told us what they think is special about teaching and the values of teachers.

We have turned these views into a code which describes how the profession works with pupils and encourages them to become confident and successful learners.

## **At the heart of the code are eight principles.**

We've written them positively, which means they can be used in positive ways. On our website you can find resources which show how you can use the code in your work.

We also use the code to help us regulate the teaching profession. It applies to instructors as well as teachers. The code gives examples of where we have taken disciplinary action against a teacher in the past and, if we need to do so, may do in the future.

If you have not yet received a copy of the code, please phone 0370 001 0308 for a copy.

**CODE OF CONDUCT  
AND PRACTICE FOR  
REGISTERED TEACHERS**

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