

Visiting the General Teaching Council in Birmingham

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Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B2 4AJ

How to get to Victoria Square House

Victoria Square House is situated in the heart of Birmingham, close to the imposing Council House and just a stroll from the world-class shopping, cultural and leisure attractions of this remarkably compact city centre.

Victoria Square House used to be Birmingham's main post office. There is still a small post office in the complex, close to the main entrance in Victoria Square.

Confusingly, there is another, unrelated Victoria Square House on the other side of Pinfold Street. It is red-fronted.

By rail

New Street (about two minutes walk) is served by trains from every part of the country. The Victoria Square exit (at the north, B, end of the platforms) is the nearest. As you leave the station, cross Navigation Street, and then go straight ahead into Pinfold Street alongside Victoria Square House. To reach the main entrance, turn left at the end of Pinfold Street into Victoria Square.

If you leave the station through the main exit into the Pallasades shopping precinct, turn left at the top of the escalators and exit the precinct down the ramped walkway. Turn left along New Street past the city information booth outside Waterstone's and enter Victoria Square (with the steps around the fountain in front of the Council House). Victoria Square House is on the left in the corner of the Square. It has a greyish front and 'turret style' features on the corners, and in front of it stands the celebrated statue called *Iron: Man*.

Snow Hill (about 10 minutes walk) is served by trains from the West Midlands and from London Paddington via Aylesbury and Banbury. Leaving the station, turn right down Colmore Row into Victoria Square.

By car

There are no meter spaces near Victoria Square House. The nearest car park is in Brunel Street, and there is also a large car park at the Pallasades shopping centre. Both are about five minutes walk from Victoria Square House.

By bus

Many city bus services run along Corporation Street and other city centre streets just a short walk from Victoria Square.

Reception

The office is open between 8.30 am and 6.00 pm (5.00 pm on Fridays). Please use the entrance on Victoria Square. When you arrive, report to the main reception desk. The building security staff there will greet you and direct you to the GTC office.

Disabled access

Access for visitors with disabilities is through the entrance on Pinfold Street.

The office car park has a reserved parking bay for visitors with disabilities. To book the space, contact the office support team on 0121-345 0047.

Fire alarm

A continuous bell signifies a fire alarm. Please leave the building immediately without stopping to gather belongings. GTC fire marshals will direct you down the stairs to the gathering area, which is in Victoria Square.

The fire alarm is tested every Thursday at 9.15 am for 15 seconds.

Health and safety

Please pay attention to health and safety notices. Keep all doors and corridors clear of obstructions.

Several GTC staff are trained first-aiders.

Local facilities

The office has a small kitchen where tea and coffee can be made. There is no canteen in Victoria Square House, but there are countless eating places nearby to suit all tastes and pockets. GTC staff will be happy to recommend their favourites!

Contact details

The national contact number for the GTC is 0870 001 0308. All staff have their own telephone extensions, and you will be transferred immediately.

The fax number for the Birmingham office is 0121 345 0100.

The GTC website www.gtce.org.uk lists email contact addresses.

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