

Benefits of QTLS status

Gaining QTLS status:



offers recognition of your status as a professional teacher or trainer



is an opportunity to work collaboratively with colleagues to improve your practice



is valuable CPD designed to enhance your teaching knowledge and skills



allows you to use the initials MSET QTLS as a designation



offers an opportunity to engage with relevant educational theory and research



is recognised in law as having parity with QTS



sets you on the pathway to Advanced Teacher Status (ATS), which recognises mastery level expertise



enhances your career prospects

Over 24,000 professionals have achieved QTLS since its introduction in 2008

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QTLS: Get the recognition you deserve

ENHANCE YOUR PROFESSIONAL STATUS,
ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

What is QTLS?

Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status is the badge of professionalism for teachers and trainers in the Further Education and Training sector.

QTLS is a nationally-recognised status that you can gain by completing a six-month Professional Formation process, where you demonstrate development of your skills and knowledge through your teaching practice.

Unlike a qualification or course, Professional Formation is a self-guided, forward-looking period of development, which if successful leads towards QTLS status.

It is proven to bring additional impact and confidence to your teaching and improve learner outcomes.

Undertaking Professional Formation enables you to show progression and to work collaboratively with your supporter and your colleagues.

Achieving QTLS signals to employers and colleagues your commitment to excellence. Underpinned by the Professional Standards, the QTLS process will help you to critically reflect on the difference made to your practice and learners.

Who's it for?

Teachers and trainers working in the Further Education and Training sector for a minimum of four hours a week, including those who have recently completed their initial teacher training and those who already have experience of teaching.



What QTLS holders say



“ QTLS is a fantastic way to unlock and improve your teaching practice and it is a great industry-recognised professional status. It will enhance your reputation and career prospects as well as demonstrate to your learners your continued dedication to improving teaching and learning.”

CALVIN MAYE, MSET QTLS | MIS MANAGER



“ I would recommend QTLS because it has been very rewarding and fulfilling. Employers are looking for teachers and trainers who are committed to continuous professional development. QTLS has definitely boosted my career prospects.”

ALESSIA DI MEO, MSET QTLS | FUNCTIONAL SKILLS TUTOR (APPRENTICESHIPS)



“ I believe QTLS opens doors to new opportunities, new places of work and gives me a focus for my teaching. I never really took a step back and thought about how much I did at my place of work, so it was good to have a focus and reflect on what I was doing inside of the college.”

NICK CHADWICK, MSET QTLS | EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT MANAGER

How to apply for QTLS

You can check your suitability to apply for Professional Formation leading to QTLS by completing the suitability tool on your SET dashboard. Suitable applicants can then apply once the application window is open. There is one application window per year, open 1 August to 30 November for a January start.

You can apply for Professional Formation leading to QTLS on the SET website. You need to be a full SET member to apply.

Ways to pay:

- £50 application fee, then;
- Full remaining payment online of £475
- Deposit of £100 followed by 3x monthly direct debits of £125
- Invoice issued to employer where relevant



How to achieve QTLS

Once you have successfully applied for Professional Formation, you will gain access to an ePortfolio which you have about six months to complete, undertaking the following six stages:

- 1 Self-assessment:** Benchmark your starting point by completing an online assessment of your knowledge and skills measured against the Professional Standards.
- 2 Professional development plan:** Identify areas of your practice that you will address during QTLS, informed by the results of your self-assessment and an observation of your teaching.
- 3 CPD record:** Keep a record of your CPD activity in the areas you have identified in your professional development plan.
- 4 Critical reflection:** Critically reflect on the impact QTLS has had on your practice, learners and organisation, evidenced by a final observation.
- 5 Final action plan:** Here you will identify further areas for professional development that you will focus on after being awarded QTLS status.
- 6 Share with your supporter:** Check your ePortfolio is complete and submit to your supporter in time for the deadline.

About SET

Striving for Excellence

The Society for Education and Training (SET) is the professional membership body dedicated to teachers working across further education, vocational teaching and training.

All members strive for excellence in all they do. SET helps you progress your career, inspires you to be an even better education and training professional and connects you with thousands of like-minded professionals and experts.

SET (through its parent organisation, the Education and Training Foundation (ETF)) is the only body that can confer QTLS status.

Benefits of SET membership

Your career:

- Exclusive access to an online resource library of essential CPD content
- Your pathway to Advanced Teacher Status (ATS), the badge of advanced professionalism and mastery

Your community:

- Reach out and contribute to your SET community via member-only webinars, Special Interest Digest group events and Facebook communities

Your profession:

- Be part of the ETF, promoting and championing the quality of the sector's teachers, trainers, assessors and leaders
- Receive *inTuition* quarterly, the most widely-read journal for those working in post-16 education
- Measure and demonstrate your development against the Professional Standards, with an online self-assessment tool and CPD planner



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