



## **Routes into Teaching**

This fact sheet can be made available in other languages or formats on request by contacting 0161 770 6666. For further information please see our detailed fact sheet Information for All.

### **What service is available?**

The provision of information and advice about routes into teaching in Oldham.

### **Who is the service for?**

Members of the public with an interest in teaching in Oldham, including support staff in schools.

### **How can I train to become a teacher?**

There are a number of routes you can take in order to gain qualified teacher status. The best route for you depends on your current qualifications, experience and personal circumstances.

### **Do I need a degree to be a teacher?**

Yes, teaching is a graduate profession. You can either complete a degree in your chosen subject and then do a postgraduate qualification leading to qualified teacher status or; you can study for a degree which incorporates qualified teacher status, e.g. Bachelor of Education (BEd).

### **Do I need any other qualifications?**

In addition you will need to have GCSE grade C or above in Maths and English (and Science for primary teaching).

### **Can I train part-time while still working?**

You can study for a degree by distance learning and there are flexible/distance learning postgraduate courses leading to qualified teacher status.

### **What is the difference between a Further Education (FE) PGCE and a PGCE with qualified teacher status (QTS)?**

An FE PGCE only qualifies you to teach in FE Colleges, normally 16 to adult; whereas the PGCE with QTS qualifies you to teach in all schools.

### **Are there any employment-based routes into teaching?**

The Graduate Teacher Programme, and Early Years Registered Teacher Programmes are employment-based routes into teaching. You need to find a supporting school before making a full application for either of these routes.

### **What funding is available to trainee teachers?**

Information on the grants available for courses leading to qualified teacher status can be found on the DCFS website. Considerable incentives are available for those studying to teach the secondary shortage subjects. (Secondary shortage subjects are:- Maths, English, Science, Modern Foreign Languages, Design and Technology, ICT, RE and Music.)

### **Do I need a degree in the subject I want to teach in secondary?**

Normally you need to have at least 50% of your degree in the subject you are to teach.

### **How can I find out more?**

We offer advice, information and support to adults aspiring to become teachers. Information is provided on a range of routes that are available for individuals who would like to become teachers in schools.

A comprehensive booklet on “Becoming a Teacher” is available from the Workforce Development and Governance Service.

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