
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 1662

**The Education (School Teachers'
Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003**

Citation, commencement and application **E+W**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 1st August 2003.

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2. These Regulations shall apply in relation to England.

Interpretation **E+W**

3. In these Regulations –

“the 1959 Regulations” means the Schools Regulations 1959 ^{M1};

“the 1982 Regulations” means the Education (Teachers) Regulations 1982 ^{M2};

“the 1989 Regulations” means the Education (Teachers) Regulations 1989 ^{M3};

“the 1993 Regulations” means the Education (Teachers) Regulations 1993 ^{M4};

“the 1999 Regulations” means the Education (Teachers' Qualifications and Health Standards) (England) Regulations 1999 ^{M5};

“the 2003 Specified Work Regulations” means the Education (Specified Work and Registration) (England) Regulations 2003 ^{M6};

[^{F1}“The 2015 European Union Regulations” means the European Union (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) Regulations 2015;]

“accredited institution” means an institution accredited by the [^{F2}Secretary of State] under regulation 11;

“city college” means a city technology college or a city college for the technology of the arts;

“the Council” means the General Teaching Council for England;

[^{F3}“early years provider” has the meaning given by section 96(3) of the Childcare Act 2006;]

“employment” means employment under a contract of employment or the engagement of a person to provide his services otherwise than under a contract of employment and references to being employed shall be construed accordingly;

“further education institution” means an institution which provides further education and is maintained by a local education authority, or is within the further education sector;

“hearing impaired” means deaf or partially hearing;

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“school” means a school maintained by a local education authority or a special school not so maintained;

“teaching” means carrying out work of a kind which is specified by regulations made under section 133 of the Education Act 2002 and “to teach” shall be construed accordingly; and “visually impaired” means blind or partially sighted.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 3 inserted (19.12.2016) by [The Education \(School Teachers' Qualifications and Induction Arrangements and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1123\)](#), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F2** Words in reg. 3 substituted (1.4.2012) by [The Education \(School Teachers\) \(Qualifications and Appraisal\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/431\)](#), regs. 1, **3**
- F3** Words in reg. 3 inserted (20.10.2021) by [The Education \(School Teachers' Qualifications\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1093\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(2)(a)**
- F4** Word in reg. 3 omitted (20.10.2021) by virtue of [The Education \(School Teachers' Qualifications\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1093\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(2)(b)**

Marginal Citations

- M1** [S.I. 1959/364](#) as amended by [S.I. 1968/1281](#), [1969/1777](#), [1971/342](#), [1973/2021](#) and [1978/1144](#).
- M2** [S.I. 1982/106](#) as amended by [S.I. 1988/542](#) and [1989/329](#).
- M3** [S.I. 1989/1319](#) as amended by [S.I. 1989/1541](#), [1990/1561](#), [1991/1134](#), [1991/1840](#), [1991/2240](#) and [1992/1809](#).
- M4** [S.I. 1993/543](#) as amended by [S.I. 1997/368](#), [1997/2679](#) and [1998/1584](#).
- M5** [S.I. 1999/2166](#) as amended by [S.I. 2000/2704](#), [2001/1391](#), [2001/2896](#), [2001/3737](#), [2002/1434](#) and [2003/107](#).
- M6** [S.I. 2003/1663](#).

Revocations and transitional provisions **E+W**

4.—(1) The regulations mentioned in Part 1 of Schedule 1 are revoked to the extent specified in that Schedule.

(2) The transitional provisions mentioned in Part 2 of Schedule 1 have effect.

Qualified teacher status **E+W**

[^{F5}5. Subject to regulations 6, 7, 8 and 9, a person is a qualified teacher if that person is mentioned in paragraphs 2 to [^{F6}13F] of Part 1 of Schedule 2.]

Textual Amendments

- F5** Reg. 5 substituted (1.4.2012) by [The Education \(School Teachers\) \(Qualifications and Appraisal\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/431\)](#), regs. 1, **4**
- F6** Word in reg. 5 substituted (1.12.2023) by [The Recognition of Professional Qualifications and Implementation of International Recognition Agreements \(Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1286\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 4(2)**

Mandatory Qualifications for teachers of hearing impaired pupils **E+W**

6. Subject to regulations 8 and 9, a person shall not be a qualified teacher for the purpose of teaching a class of pupils who are hearing impaired unless in addition to being a qualified teacher in accordance with regulation 5, he possesses a qualification approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of this regulation.

Mandatory Qualifications for teachers of visually impaired pupils **E+W**

7. Subject to regulations 8 and 9, a person shall not be a qualified teacher for the purpose of teaching a class of pupils who are visually impaired unless in addition to being a qualified teacher in accordance with regulation 5, he possesses a qualification approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of this regulation.

Mandatory Qualifications for teachers of pupils who are both hearing and visually impaired **E+W**

8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulation 9, a person shall not be a qualified teacher for the purpose of teaching a class of pupils who are both hearing impaired and visually impaired unless in addition to being a qualified teacher in accordance with regulation 5, he possesses a qualification approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of this regulation.

(2) A person who possesses a qualification approved under regulation 6 or 7 shall be a qualified teacher for the purpose of paragraph (1) if his head teacher is satisfied that no teacher with a qualification approved under paragraph (1) is available to teach the class in question.

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9. A person who does not possess a qualification approved under regulation 6, 7 or 8 shall be a qualified teacher for the purpose of teaching a class of pupils who are –

- (a) hearing impaired,
- (b) visually impaired, or
- (c) both hearing impaired and visually impaired,

if his head teacher is satisfied that the person in question is in the process of obtaining the qualification required by regulation 6, 7 or 8, as the case may be, and provided that the aggregate period for which he teaches a class of pupils by virtue of this regulation does not exceed three years.

[^{F7}Status of teachers from other European states who are qualified only to teach pupils with special educational needs **E+W**

9A.—(1) A person described in paragraph 8A of Part 1 of Schedule 2 is a qualified teacher only for the purposes of teaching in a special school or a specialist unit.

(2) In this regulation, “specialist unit” means an arrangement—

- (i) within a school maintained by a local authority which is not a special school; and
- (ii) in which children with special educational needs are taught wholly or mainly within classes designated for such children.]

Textual Amendments

F7 Reg. 9A inserted (19.12.2016) by [The Education \(School Teachers' Qualifications and Induction Arrangements and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1123\)](#), regs. 1, 2**(3)**

Award of qualified teacher status by the General Teaching Council for England **E+W**

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003. (See end of Document for details)

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Textual Amendments

- F8** Reg. 10 omitted (1.4.2012) by virtue of [The Education \(School Teachers\) \(Qualifications and Appraisal\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/431\)](#), regs. 1, **5**

Accredited Institutions **E+W**

[^{F9}**11.** The Secretary of State may accredit an institution as a provider of courses or programmes of initial school teacher training.]

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Textual Amendments

- F9** Reg. 11 substituted (1.4.2012) by [The Education \(School Teachers\) \(Qualifications and Appraisal\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/431\)](#), regs. 1, **6**

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