**Assessment Only Route to QTS**

If you are working in a school as an unqualified teacher and you can already show that you meet the Teachers' Standards then you may be eligible to undertake our Assessment Only route to QTS, which could empower you to move forward in your career.

You will be able to:

* Gain professional Qualified Teach Status (QTS)
* Become employed as a fully qualified teacher
* Be paid on the national QTS scale and move up the scale
* Earn a considerably higher salary
* Take on responsibilities and leadership roles within the school

We currently offer Assessment Only in primary (age ranges 3-7, 5-11) and all main secondary subjects (age ranges 11-16, 11-19 or 14-19).

**Course delivery process**

The application and onboarding process is undertaken in quite detailed stages. It ensures that by the time you start the programme, it is clear that you are ready to complete the assessments and gain QTS.

If at any point the tutor team feels that there is further work to be undertaken prior to undertaking the programme, it will be put on hold, until that work is completed.

**Joining the Programme:**

1. **Carefully assess your eligibility** against the Eligibility Checklist [(see below)](#_Eligibility_Checklist).
   * If you are uncertain, or have any specific questions, please get in touch with us at [AssessmentQTS@londonmet.ac.uk](mailto:AssessmentQTS@londonmet.ac.uk).
   * If you feel confident that you are eligible and that you can demonstrate the appropriate experience, please complete a [primary](https://forms.office.com/e/nYqNVq4jfa) or [secondary](https://forms.office.com/e/p7bKuHwTpU) questionnaire to allow us to initiate the assessment process.
2. One of our tutors will get in touch to guide you through the process. They will need confirmation that you:
   * have the support of your school
   * meet all of the eligibility criteria, including qualifications and experience
   * can demonstrate that you have taught in a different school previously
   * have arrangements in place to fund the programme
3. Once this is confirmed, you will then be invited to complete an application form. As part of the application, you will need to upload all relevant documentation, including certificates for GCSE / degree, references from previous schools that you have worked at, etc.
4. The tutor will then arrange a visit to your school to observe you teaching and to undertake an interview, alongside a senior member of your school team. This will enable you to enrol on the course and the programme to start on an agreed date.

**Once the programme starts**

During the programme, you will need to collect a portfolio of evidence online, on our PebblePad portfolio system, which your tutor will review periodically and give feedback.

You will need to meet with your school mentor regularly to discuss progress. They will also undertake observations of your teaching every week during the programme. They will give feedback and set any targets necessary. They will also write up their observation against the Teacher’s Standards, which will help you to collect enough evidence that you are meeting each standard.

The university tutor will normally vist twice more during the programme, to ensure that you are on track. The final observation will also be a chance to undertake a full review. At this point, if all is in place and successful, the tutor will recommend you for QTS.

Everything will then be reviewed through internal moderation processes and a QTS panel. The Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) will award QTS based on the final recommendation from these processes.

**Course fees and funding**

Our Assessment Only route costs **£3,400 excluding VAT**. Assessment Only route fees may be paid for by you or your school, but must be paid in full at the start of the course.\*

At the current time, we are only considering candidates whose school is within the M25 London Orbital. Candidates based outside this area may be considered if capacity becomes available. These candidates would incur an extra cost for tutor travel and overnight stays, where applicable

**Course application and start dates**

We have a rolling start date for Assessment Only. Once we have agreed that you should apply, you will be given a specific application code, depending on your agreed start date.

## **Eligibility Checklist**

In order to gain QTS through the AO route, you must be a graduate currently working as an **unqualified teacher** in our local area (Greater London) and you must have sufficient recent experience and be able to evidence that you are already meeting all the [Teachers' Standards](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a750668ed915d3c7d529cad/Teachers_standard_information.pdf)  

**To be eligible to start the AO route you must:**

* Be employed in a school in a teaching role with full responsibility for teaching, assessment and planning
* Be in a school that is supportive of your application and will corroborate that you are already able to meet all the standards.
* Hold GCSEs at level 4/grade C or above (or an equivalent\*) in:
  + English Language
  + Maths,
  + Science (if you want to teach in primary).
* Hold a bachelor degree (300 UCAS points) awarded by a UK university or a recognised international qualification equivalent to a UK Bachelor's degree.
* If your degree was completed outside of the UK you will need to provide an [**ENIC statement**](https://enic.org.uk/Qualifications/SOC/Default.aspx) to demonstrate the comparability of your qualification
* Demonstrate that you have a **minimum** of two years' experience of whole class teaching across the age range for your phase (3-7, 5-11, 7-11, 11-16, 11-18 or 14-19) in at least **two** different schools/settings and you must have taught across the ability range in your chosen age range.
* Provide satisfactory references from two different schools confirming your teaching experience and details of experience across the age range, giving dates, and subjects/year's taught in each school.
* Demonstrate the required fundamental skills in maths and English as defined by the DfE. Further details will be provided following your application

**Phase experience**

For the primary phase (3-7, 5-11):

* You need to be teaching the full curriculum including the core subjects of maths, literacy – phonics and science as well as the full range of foundation subjects such as geography, history, art and music. You can't be providing a subject specialism such as language, PE or music
* You need to demonstrate experience of both ends of the age range:
  + For 3-7 you will need experience of EYFS and KS1
  + For 5-11 you will need experience of KS1 and KS2
  + For 7-11 you will need experience of older and younger classes within KS2

For the secondary phase (11-16, 14-19):

* You need to have experience of teaching your subject specialism across the age and ability ranges:
  + For 11-16 you will need experience of KS3 and KS4
  + For 14-19 you will need experience of KS4 and KS5

**N.B.** If you are teaching in a SEND school, please note that you would need additional mainstream experience in two schools to demonstrate sufficient breadth of experience.

**Additional requirements**

* Successful candidates will need to complete a Fitness to Teach questionnaire
* The school will be asked to review and sign several documents:
* Headteacher confirmation of support
* Collaborative Training Agreement
* Safeguarding confirmation
* Provide a qualified mentor

If you have all the required qualifications, certificates, and experience please take a moment to complete this preliminary screening questionnaire.

**Secondary:** <https://forms.office.com/e/p7bKuHwTpU>

**Primary:** <https://forms.office.com/e/nYqNVq4jfa>