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A. This will depend on your individual circumstances. Contact RSM@newham.gov.uk who will arrange to meet you to discuss your circumstances.
- Q. I am a trained science teacher but am teaching maths, can I be assessed as a maths teacher?**
A. No, you have to be assessed as a teacher of the subject for which you were trained. You are advised to speak to the head teacher of your school to see if there is a way this can be achieved

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A. No, you must have evidence of meeting the standards in two schools in England, short term supply would not provide this

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Q. For how long do I have to work in a second school?

A. There is no simple answer to this, it depends on your previous experience, the most common way teachers have gathered evidence is to spend some time for a few weeks (say half a day for half a term, using their PPA time) then doing a short teaching practice say 7-10 days. You are advised to speak to the head teacher of your school to see if there is a way this can be achieved

Q. My degree is not equivalent to a UK degree can I still join the programme

A. No, teachers in the UK must have degree level qualifications. The South Bank University (020 7815 7815) and Institute of Education (020 7612 6000) both offer degree top-ups. If you have any further queries please contact the Teaching Information Line on 0800 389 2500.

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A. No, teachers from the EEA with equivalent qualifications can apply for QTS without further training see www.gtce.org.uk

Q. I do not have Maths / Science / English GCSEs, can I join the programme?

A. No, GCSE Equivalency Tests are offered for individuals who have not reached the standard grade.

For a list of equivalency testing providers go to www.equivalencytesting.com SCITTELS recommends using A Star Teachers agency for equivalency testing. For information on their equivalency testing please email: equivalency@astarteachers.com

Check with individual providers prior to arranging an equivalency test to ensure they accept the equivalency qualification. Or contact your local further education college or adult education provider for information about GCSE courses.

Note the Training and Development Agency (TDA) does not accept level 2 qualifications in Adult Literacy and Numeracy as equivalent GCSE qualifications.

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