

Useful contacts for Overseas Trained Teachers

QTS information

Email: qts.enquiries@education.gsi.gov.uk

Telephone: 0207 593 5394

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/employing-overseas-trained-teachers-from-outside-the-eea>

National Association for Academic Recognition Information Centre (Naric)

www.naric.org.uk

Telephone: 0870 990 4088

UK Border Agency (The Home Office)

For information on immigration categories available to foreign nationals who want to work in the UK.

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas>

Gaining experience of and knowledge about the UK education system

It is unlikely that you will find a permanent job as a teacher without some knowledge of the National Curriculum and the culture of mainstream London schools. Many supply teacher agencies are now requiring UK experience before accepting overseas teachers. A good way of doing this is by volunteering in a school. Newham schools are very accommodating of this, but they will expect punctuality, reliability and may ask for regular attendance. A letter to the head teacher of a Primary school, or the head of department of a Secondary school (For example: if you are a Science teacher, a letter to the head of Science) with a brief CV, requesting some voluntary experience, would be a good place to start. Please do not visit a school without a prior appointment: schools are very busy places, and it is unlikely that you would be able to see the relevant member of staff.

A list of schools can be viewed at:

<http://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Schools-Directory.aspx>

Courses for Overseas Teachers

There are courses that may be of interest to Overseas Trained Teachers at Newham Adult Education. A prospectus can be obtained by phoning

- SE Area Office: East Ham, Beckton and North Woolwich
Beckton Globe, 1 Kingsford Way, London E6 5JQ
Tel: 020 3373 4030/4040
- SW Area Office: Plaistow, Canning Town and Custom House
Gainsborough Learning Centre, 1 Hamilton Road, West Ham, E15 3AE

Tel: 020 3373 1290.

- NE Area Office: Manor Park and Green Street
Little Ilford Learning Zone, 1 Rectory Road, London E12 6ET
Tel: 020 8522 5770
- NW Area Office: Forest Gate and Stratford
Forest Gate Learning Zone, 1 Woodford Road, London E7 0DH
Tel: 020 8257 4680/81
- Empowering Learning (Teacher Training and Recruitment Consultants),
Zetland House, 5 - 25 Scrutton Street, London EC2A 4HJ. Phone: 020
7739 1144 www.empowering-learning.com run a programme for
Overseas Trained Teachers leading to the opportunity to gain Qualified
Teacher Status.
- The Refugees into Teaching Project
If you have refugee status and have either been a qualified teacher in your
home country or would like to get training to teach in England, contact the
Refugee Council.
email rit@refugeecouncil.org.uk
telephone: 020 7346 166 or
www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

Recruitment agencies

Prior to registering with an agency, check that the agency is registered with Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) or APSCo. Also check that the agency operates in London.

Note: Some agencies run “colleges” where teachers are required to pay substantial amounts for familiarisation courses. Before paying for a familiarisation course or similar, teachers should investigate whether similar programmes run free of charge or for less by other providers, and whether the course will lead to a qualification/ diploma recognised as valid by schools.