

Useful contacts for Overseas Trained Teachers

QTS information

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

Telephone: 0207 593 5394

<https://www.gov.uk>

The UK national agency for international qualifications and skills

<https://www.enic.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.

www.gov.uk/uk-visas-and-immigration

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, 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 Newham schools can be viewed at: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools>

Courses for Overseas Teachers

There are courses that may be of interest to Overseas Trained Teachers at Newham Adult Education. www.newhamadultlearning

Manor Park, East Ham and Green Street area

Little Ilford Learning Zone
1a Rectory Road
Manor Park
London
E12 6ET
Tel: 020 8522 5770

Forest Gate and Stratford area

Forest Gate Learning Zone
1 Woodford Road
Forest Gate
London
E7 0DH
Tel: 020 8257 4680

Beckton area

Beckton Globe
1 Kingsford Way
Beckton
London
E6 5JQ
Tel: 020 3373 4030

Canning Town, Custom House, North Woolwich and Plaistow area

Gainsborough Learning Centre
1 Hamilton Road
West Ham
E15 3AE
Tel: 020 3373 1290

Empowering Learning (Teacher Training and Recruitment Consultants)

Zetland House, 5 - 25 Scrutton Street, London EC2A 4HJ. Phone: 0800 773 4291
www.empowering-learning.com run a programme for Overseas Trained Teachers leading to the opportunity to gain Qualified Teacher Status.

Refugees

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: info@refugeecouncil.org.uk

Telephone: 020 7346 6700

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 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.