

## **Useful contacts for Overseas Trained Teachers**

### **QTS information**

Email: [qts.enquiries@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:info@refugeecouncil.org.uk)

Telephone: 020 7346 6700

[www.refugeecouncil.org.uk](http://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.