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- Q1. I am a qualified OTT but not from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the USA or an EEA country. How can I achieve QTS?
- A. If you are an experienced OTT you can apply for a place on the Assessment Only (AO) route to QTS. Further details can be found at the link below:
[Assessment only route](#)
- Q2. I am a qualified OTT but I am not currently employed in a school. How can I achieve QTS?
- A. You may be eligible to join the Assessment Only (AO) Route. OTTs on the AO Route to QTS are not required to be employed by a school at the time of assessment, however OTTs must have UK school experience, an up-to-date DBS (CRB) check. Contact individual providers for further details.
[Assessment only route](#)
- Q3. I am a qualified OTT working in a school as a teaching assistant / technician /learning mentor. Can I achieve QTS?
- A. OTTs need to demonstrate that they have had assessed experience of teaching children or young people, rather than working in a support role.

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- Q4. I am a trained secondary teacher but am teaching primary pupils, can I be assessed in my primary school where I am employed?

- A. Yes, this will depend on your individual circumstances. Contact individual providers to discuss your situation. Details of providers can be found at the link below:
www.ucas.com

Q5. I am a trained science teacher but am teaching maths, can I be assessed as a maths teacher?

- A. Yes, there is no statutory requirement for secondary applicants to have a degree in a specified subject, as long as they meet all of the Teachers' Standards for QTS, including those that relate to subject and curriculum knowledge.

The Teachers' Standards can be found at: [Teachers Standards](#)

Q6. I have only worked long term in one school in England, can day-to-day supply in other schools count for my other school experience.

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

OTTs need to demonstrate they have a breadth and variety of experience in schools or other settings to enable them to meet all the Teachers' Standards for QTS. They need to have taught children and young people from different backgrounds, across the ability range and in their chosen age ranges, as well as gaining experience of different approaches to teaching and learning and to school organisation and management.

The criterion specifies that candidates must have taught in two schools prior to entry to the AO route. Candidates must also show experience of teaching across their chosen age ranges and must be able to demonstrate that they have met all the standards for QTS for these age ranges. Practical teaching experience for the purposes of AO is not restricted to taking place wholly or mainly in England. There may be circumstances where previous teaching may have taken place outside England and is suitable to be considered by a provider. For example, an applicant who has taught in a British Schools Overseas, and has clear, quality-assured, evidence of meeting some of the standards for QTS. The Teachers' Standards can be found at the following link: [Teachers Standards](#)

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Q7. For how long do I have to work in a second school?

There is no simple answer to this, it depends on your previous experience. OTT s must demonstrate they have detailed evidence to meet the Teachers' Standards. The Teachers' Standards can be found at: [Teachers Standards](#)

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Q8. My degree is not equivalent to a UK degree can I still achieve QTS?

- A. Teachers in the UK must have degree level qualifications.
The following universities offer top up degree courses:

[Arden University](#)

[Northumbria University London Campus](#)

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Q9. I have a teaching qualification from an EEA country/Gibraltar/Australia/Canada/New Zealand/Switzerland/US, how can I achieve QTS?

- A. Teachers from the, above countries with equivalent qualifications can apply for QTS without further training. Further details and an application form can be found at the following link: [Teachers Standards](#)

If you have any further queries:

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

telephone: 0207 593 5394.

Q10. I do not have Maths / Science / English GCSEs. How can I achieve QTS?

- A. GCSE Equivalency Tests are available for individuals who have not reached the standard grade. Details of equivalency testing providers can be found at: www.equivalencytesting.com or www.astarequivalency.co.uk/
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 Teaching Regulation Agency does not accept level 2 qualifications in Adult Literacy and Numeracy as equivalent GCSE qualifications.

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