

If you have a degree and enough classroom experience, you might be able to get Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) through a 12-week assessment-only (AO) programme

### Am I Eligible?

To meet the requirements for the assessment-only route, candidates must:

- Hold a degree from a UK higher education institution or equivalent qualification of a 2:2 or better
- Have achieved grade 4 (formerly grade C) or above at GCSE level in English, or standard equivalent\*
- Have achieved a grade 4 (formerly grade C) or above at GCSE level in Mathematics, or standard equivalent\*
- Have taught in at least two schools
- Have undertaken significant secondary school teaching experience (at least two years)
- Be able to demonstrate teaching experience across the following age ranges: 11 to 16 years or 14 to 19 years
- Have the ability to demonstrate that they can meet all of the Department for Education's Teachers'
   Standards without the need for any further training



- Have the necessary knowledge, skills, intellectual and academic capabilities
- Have the ability to communicate clearly and effectively in standard English and competency in literacy
- Have competency in numeracy
- \* Unfortunately, we do not accept Functional Skills tests in place of GCSEs

#### Safer Recruitment of Trainee teachers

- Mid Essex ITT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
- We implement safer recruitment procedures and all candidates will be required to have a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) criminal records check
- Mid Essex ITT will also carry out a check of the children's barred list and prohibition from teaching list
- Mid Essex ITT will also seek references from two professional individuals and ask each referee to state that he/she "knows of no reason why the applicant should not work with children or vulnerable adults"
- Following receipt of the application, candidates may be asked to complete a work history form, accounting for any gaps in employment or study
- Applicants who have lived or worked overseas may be asked to apply for a certificate of good conduct in addition to their DBS check
- Mid Essex ITT will also carry out additional safeguarding checks, as well as an occupational health check, to ensure your fitness to train. Checks of applicants' public social media accounts might be made prior to appointment.

## How long does the Assessment-Only route take?

The Assessment-Only route can last no longer than three months (12 working weeks).

### How much does the Assessment-Only route cost?

The fees for the Assessment-Only route can be paid by either the employing school or the candidate. A non-refundable administration charge of £25 will be made for processing applications, although this will be included in the total cost for successful candidates.

Mid Essex ITT Partnership Schools - £2,500.00
Other school in Essex - £3,000.00
Schools outside of Essex - Please enquire so we can provide you with an estimate

# How do I Apply?

Please contact our friendly team to request an application form or discuss your eligibility for this route.

For further details, please see the Department for Education's Assessment-Only route to QTS: criteria and supporting advice [updated 1 September 2022]:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-assessment-only-route-to-qts/assessment-only-route-to-qts-criteria-and-supporting-advice#a23-candidate-assessment



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