

The Education Workforce Council

Regulation and Registration Requirements for Newly Qualified School Teachers

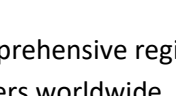
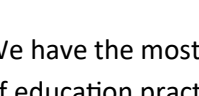
This guide has been designed for students who are due to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) in Wales in this academic year. It replaces the previously scheduled 'preparing for registration' sessions arranged by your training provider which were postponed because of COVID-19. The guide will explain:-

- the role and responsibility of the EWC
- how QTS is awarded
- the requirement for registration with the EWC if you want to work in Wales after you qualify
- how to make the most of being registered with us

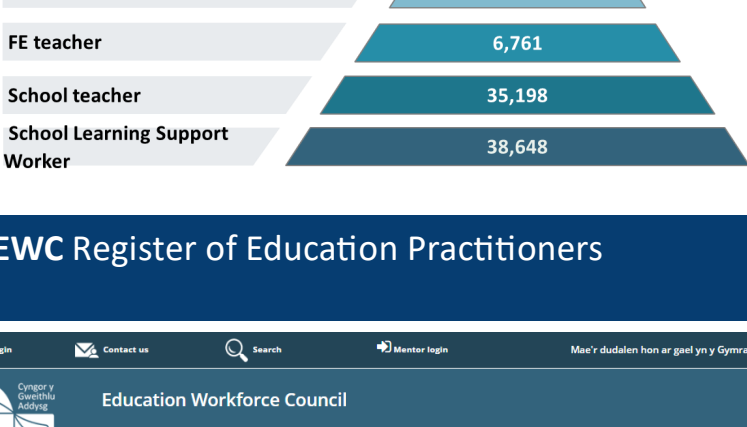
Regulating in the public interest

Where there is public interest in a profession, there is an expectation that the profession will be subject to professional regulation.

Education practitioners are no different in that regard to doctors, dentists, nurses, health care professionals etc. You will be familiar with the other regulators shown here who all regulate in a very similar way to the EWC.



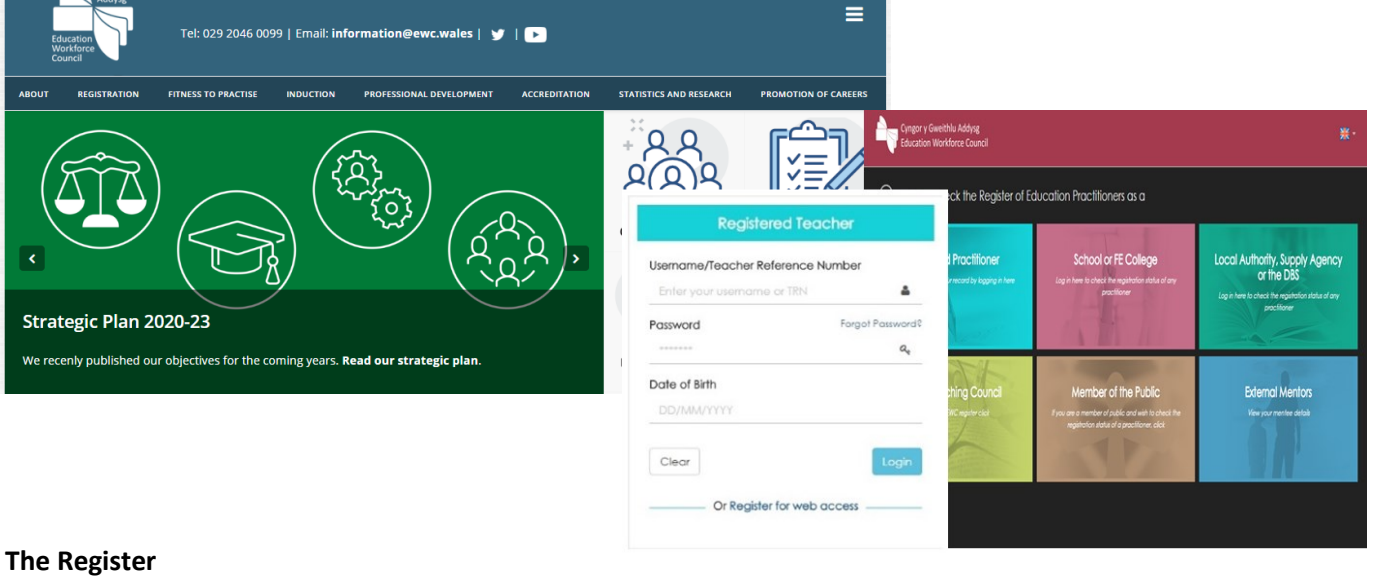
Number of Practitioners Eligible to Work in Each Category – 31 March 2020



We have the most comprehensive register of education practitioners worldwide. Practitioners from all seven of the groups listed here are registered with us and provide education and training in Wales.

There are mandatory qualifications required to be eligible to register as a school teacher (i.e. Qualified Teacher Status), youth worker or youth support worker.

The EWC Register of Education Practitioners



The Register

- The Register is accessible by the public (registration status check only) and employers and registrants who are able to view more detailed registrant information. Last year there were over 124,000 checks of the Register. The EWC's privacy notice which sets out how we process the information held on the Register can be viewed via our website (www.ewc.wales)
- Registrants are required to maintain their records on the Register in accordance with the Registration Rules 2017. This can be done online using the **MyEWC** access.

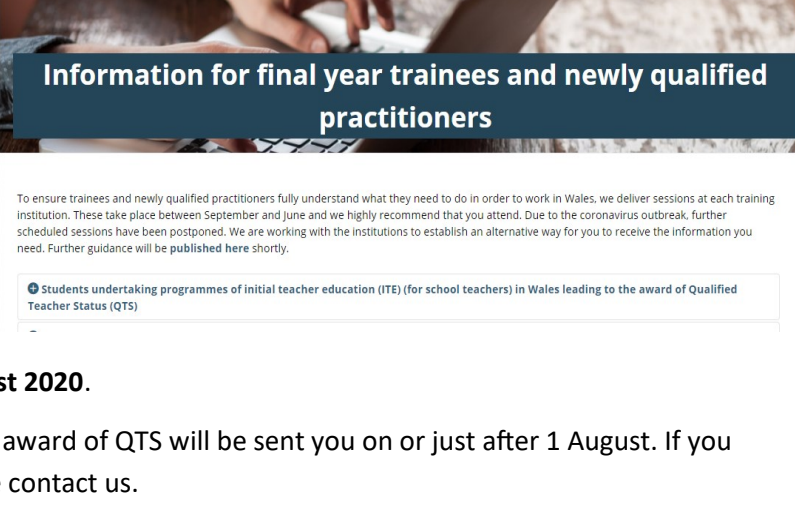
The Award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

You will be awarded your degree / PGCE from your university. However, on behalf of the Welsh Government, the award of QTS will be confirmed by the EWC.

You should have already received an email from us containing your Teacher Reference Number (TRN), if you have not received the email please contact us at registration@ewc.wales.

Key Facts

- Your TRN is a seven digit number which is unique to you and stays with you throughout your career.
- We do not issue an EWC registration number. Employers will use your TRN, surname and date of birth to make online pre-employment checks of your record.
- Students who successfully complete their teacher training courses will be awarded **Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) on 1 August 2020**.
- Your letter and certificate confirming your award of QTS will be sent you on or just after 1 August. If you have not received it by mid-August, please contact us.
- Being awarded QTS in Wales **does not** mean that you are registered with the EWC. In order to work in Wales you must apply for and be granted registration with the EWC in the category or categories for the work you are planning to undertake.



How to register with EWC

If you intend to work in Wales in a role which requires EWC registration, you must have applied for and been granted registration **BEFORE** you start work.

Important

If you are not planning to work in Wales, you do not need to register with the EWC

We will provide your QTS details to the Teaching Regulation Agency (TRA) in England. This will mean that, if you intend to work in England, employers there will be able to verify that you hold QTS from around the middle of August onwards.

Records held by Teachers Pensions will also be updated in order that employers in both Wales and England are able to update an employee's pension record where / when applicable.

How to register with EWC

YOU DO NOT NEED TO WAIT UNTIL QTS HAS BEEN AWARDED TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION - Please

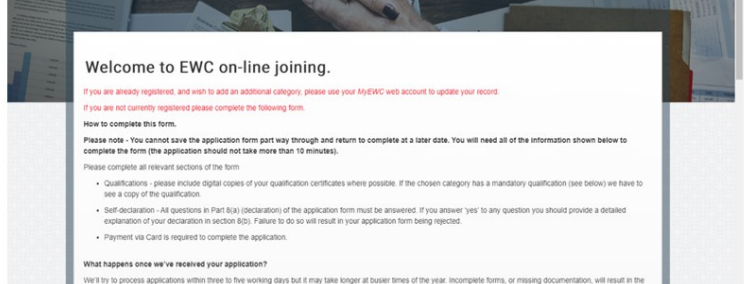
apply for registration **now** to ensure that our assessment of your suitability for registration can be completed in time for you to start work in September.

You must apply for registration in every category for the work you wish to undertake. E.g. if you are going to be working as a qualified school teacher and a school learning support worker then you need to apply for both categories (you will only be charged one fee)

Make your application by using the following [link](#) or by visiting www.ewc.wales

Key Facts

- Registration with the EWC is a statutory requirement in Wales, it is not optional. Both you and your employer are legally required to comply with this requirement.
- You will be unable to start your statutory Induction period as a school teacher without EWC registration in that category. Further guidance can be found at: <https://www.ewc.wales/site/index.php/en/induction.html>



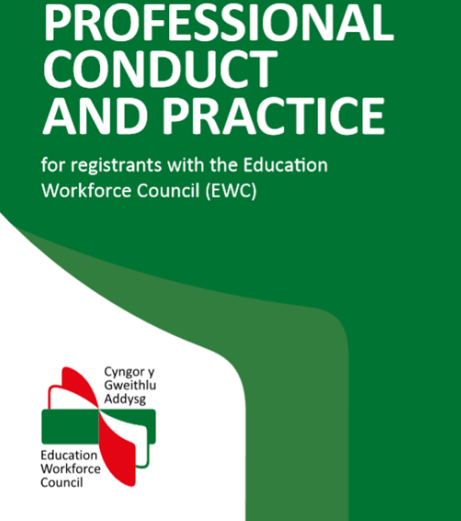
The Code of Professional Conduct and Practice for Registrants

As a registrant you will be subject to the EWC Code of Professional Conduct and Practice. You must ensure that you are fully conversant with the principles and expectations upon you.

What is the Code?

The Code is for our registrants (www.ewc.wales/ewccode) —it sets out the key principles of good conduct and practice required of you. It is there to guide your judgement and decisions you might make.

The Code is also for parents, guardians, learners and the general public to know what standards of behaviour and practice they can expect from you.



When things go wrong

The EWC is required to investigate and hear allegations about the conduct or competence of a registrant that might call into questions their fitness to practise. In cases where the allegations are found, it is clear that the registrants have failed to comply with the principles of the Code. In many cases they have then been prohibited or suspended from practice.

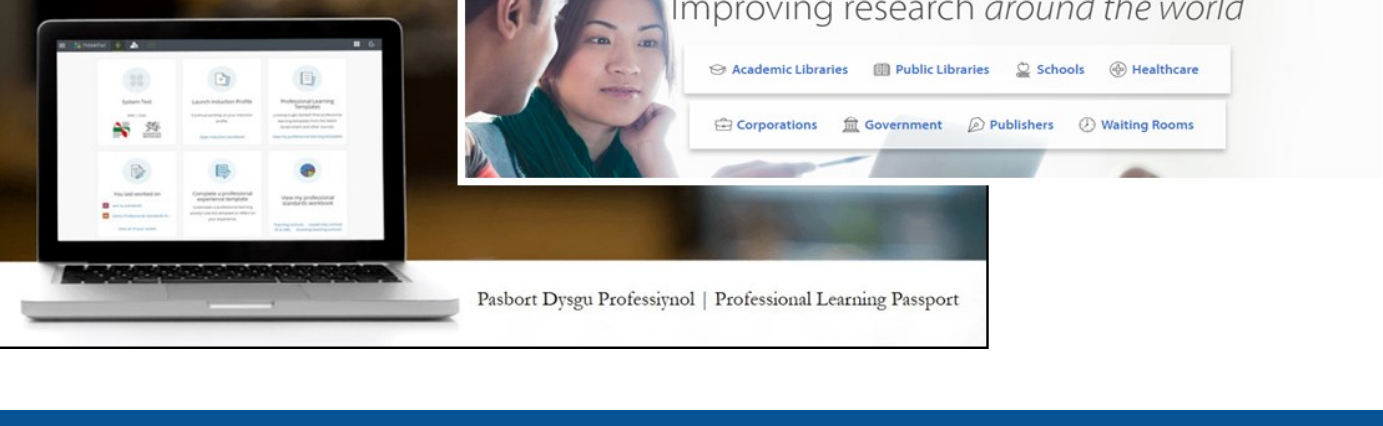
To help embed the principles of the Code and, where we have seen trends in our casework, we have produced a number of good practice guides to help you. You can download them from our website— <https://www.ewc.wales/site/index.php/en/fitness-to-practise/good-practice-guides.html>

Making the most of professional registration

The Professional Learning Passport (PLP) is a fully bilingual and flexible online tool that is available to all registrants.

You will have had access to the PLP during your training. As a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) you are required to complete and maintain your Induction Profile online via the PLP. You are responsible for maintaining your Induction Profile and for identifying and recording evidence of how you meet the professional standards for teaching and leadership through your professional practice.

Visit <https://www.ewc.wales/site/index.php/en/induction/online-induction-profile.html> for more information.



Services

We offer a range of services as outlined below. More information on those as well as getting involved with the EWC is available on our website www.ewc.wales or via our termly newsletter to registrants. Please look out for it as it will keep you updated on the activities the EWC is focusing on and we may ask for your help with those.



And finally

We are here to help if you have any queries about your QTS award or the requirement to register with the EWC.

During these unprecedented times, whilst our offices are closed, we are contactable by email (registration@ewc.wales) - please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Thank you for reading this guide and good luck with your future career.