

Frequently Asked Questions

What is General Professional Recognition Learning and Skills (GPRLS)?

It is a scheme designed to enable competent and experienced teachers to be Recognised as having professional standing according to the requirements established by the FE Teachers' Qualifications (England) Regulations 2007. It is a process designed for those where undertaking a generic initial teacher training qualification would be inappropriate.

Who can apply for GPRLS Skills for Life?

GPRLS is designed for Skills for Life teachers, tutors, and trainers in the learning and skills sector who are competent and experienced, but unqualified.

Do I have to do anything before I apply?

You should register with the Institute for Learning (IfL) as your IfL membership number is used as your personal identification number and is needed on each page of the application form.

What does the Skills for Life application involve?

You will need to supply information about your career history, your continuing professional development in teaching and learning, and complete several written tasks drawing on your pedagogic and specialist subject skills, knowledge, and experience. You will also be asked to provide a full CV and current job description, and two signed references on headed paper in support of your application.

The eligibility requirement for GPRLS Skills for Life states that applicants must be able to demonstrate currency of practice since September 2006. What does this mean?

It means that in order to be eligible to apply for GPRLS Skills for Life, you must have been in the full teacher role with learners since September 2006, although not necessarily continuously.

Can I apply in either the full or the associate teaching role?

No. Skills for Life teachers are deemed to be in the full teacher role.

Am I eligible for the GPRLS Skills for Life route to Recognition?

If you have read all the documents and are still not sure whether you are eligible for the scheme, please contact, via phone or e-mail, Lifelong Learning UK's Information and Advice Service on 0207 936 5798 or advice@lluk.org.

What is the deadline for submissions?

Currently, the GPRLS scheme has no submission deadline; however, it is an aspiration of DIUS that the profession will be fully qualified by 2010.

How quickly will I get my results?

Standards Verification UK will aim to notify you of your outcome within 12 weeks of receiving your application.

Will I receive a certificate?

No, you will receive a letter of confirmation of your results from SVUK and a supporting letter from the Department of Innovation Universities and Skills (DIUS).



What happens if my application is unsuccessful?

Unsuccessful applicants receive a written statement identifying the criteria that have not been met and/or the activity that has not been successfully completed. An application can be resubmitted once. An appeals process can be used in the case of definitive refusal.

How do I convert holding Professional Recognition Learning and Skills (GPRLS) into gaining Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) or Associate Teacher Learning and Skills (ATLS)?

Achieving General Professional Recognition places an individual in the same position as a colleague who has an accepted teaching qualification. They are able to begin a period of professional formation and apply to the Institute for Learning for QTLS, the new license to practise.

For general advice and assistance, please contact:

LLUK Information & Advice Service
Tel: 020 7936 5798
E-mail: advice@lluk.org

For information regarding the processing of an application, please contact:

General Professional Recognition Learning and Skills (England) B4
Tel: 0113 241 0435
E-mail: recognition@svuk.eu

Useful e-mails:

Institute for Learning enquiries@ifl.ac.uk
Tariff of Initial Teacher Training Qualifications tariff@svuk.eu

Useful websites:

Institute for Learning www.ifl.ac.uk
Department of Innovation, Universities & Skills <http://www.dius.gov.uk>
Office of Public Sector Information <http://www.opsi.gov.uk>
Lifelong Learning UK www.lluk.org
Standards Verification UK www.svuk.eu
• GPRLS www.svuk.eu/2927.htm
• Tariff www.svuk.eu/2924.htm

Useful documents:

A guide to the...

- Further Education Teachers' Qualifications (England) Regulations 2007 No. 2264
<http://www.dius.gov.uk/publications/guide2007no2264.pdf>
- Further Education Teachers' Continuing Professional Development and Registration (England) Regulations 2007 No. 2116
<http://www.dius.gov.uk/publications/guide2007no2116.pdf>

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- Further Education Teachers' Qualifications (England) Regulations 2007
http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2007/uksi_20072264_en_1
- Further Education Teachers' Continuing Professional Development and Registration (England) Regulations 2007
http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2007/uksi_20072116_en_1
- Further Education Teachers' Qualifications (England) Regulations 2001
<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2001/20011209.htm>

Documents...

- New overarching professional standards for teachers, tutors and trainers in the lifelong learning sector
http://www.lluk.org/documents/professional_standards_for_itts_020107.pdf
- Professional Formation
<http://www.ifl.ac.uk/services/docs/1257/ProfessionalFormationOverview.pdf>