

General Professional Recognition Scheme – Learning and Skills

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General Professional Recognition Learning and Skills Scheme (GPRLS) Changes to the B4 pathway	
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All organisations with staff eligible for the B4 pathway to Professional Recognition, and agencies who may advise teachers on their professional development	Jade Corrie, Project Support Officer jadecorrie@svuk.eu
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<p>General Professional Recognition Learning and Skills scheme - England</p> <p>Standards Verification UK (SVUK) is contracted by the Department of Universities, Innovation and Skills (DIUS) to provide a General Professional Recognition Learning and Skills scheme (GPRLS) for the FE¹/learning and skills sector.</p> <p>GPRLS enables competent and experienced teachers to be recognised according to the requirements established by the FE Teachers' Qualifications (England) Regulations 2007. The scheme is designed for those for whom undertaking an initial teacher training qualification would be inappropriate. Successful applicants are in a</p>

¹ The FE/learning and skills sector contains incorporated FE (including Sixth Form and Specialist) colleges, together with other LSC funded provision such as work based learning, adult & community learning, offender learning etc. Reference to LSC funding provision refers to contracts with learning providers, and not to contracts with organisations whose primary purpose is not learning provision.

position to commence the process of professional formation prior to applying for Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) or Associate Teacher Learning and Skills (ATLS). These are the new licences to practise that are conferred by the Institute for Learning (IfL).

There are three routes to General Professional Recognition:

GPRLS - Skills for Life

GPRLS - All Areas of Learning

GPRLS - B4

This Briefing Paper concerns **changes to the operation of the B4 pathway** which is the route to Recognition for those teachers, tutors, and trainers who are not required to comply with the regulations, but who may be expected to gain QTLS or ATLS status by their employer, or who seek to do so voluntarily. GPRLS B4 takes in to account the experience gained by long standing members of the workforce and so is open to those teachers, tutors, and trainers who entered the sector prior to the introduction of the regulations.

At present GPRLS applicants are not charged any fee for the processing of applications for Professional Recognition. **This Briefing Paper gives notice that GPRLS B4 will cease to be a centrally funded pathway from 31st March 2010.**

Thus in order to meet funding constraints and processing requirements (including re-submissions), **SVUK is introducing a deadline for the receipt of all completed B4 applications.**

The deadline is: 5.00pm Tuesday 1st December 2009

THIS IS THE FINAL DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR THE B4 PATHWAY.

Please note that GPRLS 'Skills for Life' and GPRLS 'All Areas of Learning' remain centrally funded pathways, with no deadlines for the submission of applications.

For more information on GPRLS and the three routes, please see the Recognition pages at www.standardsverificationuk.org