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Qualifications	• Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector **(DTLLS)**
Level	**5**
Number	**7305, 6305 and 6502**

This news article contains important information about:

- Funding arrangements for the new Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training

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New FE Initial Teacher Training Qualification – HE student support designation

This information sets out the HE Student Support designation position in relation to the new FE ITT Level 5 Diploma in Teaching and Education.

Automatic and Specific Designation

The current rules on designation of courses for HE student support purposes are set out in the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

At present eligible courses provided by publicly funded institutions in the UK are automatically designated. Eligible courses delivered at privately funded institutions may be specifically designated by the Secretary of State.

From 2014/15 however, only eligible courses delivered by 'authority funded' institutions (defined as the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) or equivalent funding bodies in the Devolved Administrations) will be automatically designated. Courses delivered by all other institutions will have to be specifically designated (the only exception will be where a publicly funded institution (e.g. an FEC) is delivering on behalf of an authority funded institution). The Department of Business, Innovation and Skills recently published guidance on the new process for specific designation which is available at: Alternative providers specific course designation: guidance for applicants

All providers that do not receive recurrent grant funding from HEFCE (or the equivalent bodies in the Devolved Administrations) and that are not providing their FE ITT courses under a formal franchise with an HEI will need to apply for the new FE ITT courses to be specifically designated under the new specific designation process.

One of the key requirements of the specific designation process is that, before applying for a course to be specifically designated, a provider has to have a successful review by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).

The initial application window for a QAA Review for Specific Course Designation (RSCD) was 31 May but the QAA will run a further application window from 1 – 30 November 2013, and further application windows in 2014. Further information about RSCD can be found at Reviews for Specific Course Designation this includes application forms, FAQs, guidance notes, handbook and fee schedule, details of future application windows as well as useful addresses. The handbook gives a full explanation of the review process and requirements.

This requires an initial application fee of £1,450 plus a fee for review if successful in the first stage. QAA's website (link above) gives full details of the charges.

During the review QAA may raise queries about quality control or documentation; in some cases it may be necessary to seek advice or further documentation from the Awarding Organisation.

If successful, providers can apply to HEFCE for specific designation, where there is an additional set of checks on governance and financial sustainability, so a successful QAA review alone carries no guarantee of a successful application for course designation.

Further information about the new process and an application pack is available on the HEFCE website at: www.hefce.ac.uk/whatwedo/reg/desig/

Providers who do not gain a successful QAA review will not be able to apply for specific designation and therefore students will not be able to access student loans: they can either offer ITT at Level 5 through full cost recovery or withdraw from provision.

Providers that meet the requirements to have courses automatically designated will need to add the new level 5 Diploma in Education and Training to their existing list of courses on the SLC HEI course database. Providers that have courses specifically designated will be advised to add the courses to the HEI courses database once the designation has been confirmed.

The 24+ Advanced Learning Loan is for people aged 24 and over who wish to study a course at level 3, level 4, or an Advanced or Higher Apprenticeship. Detailed guidance is available via the following link: http://www.24plusmicrosite.com/

Support for English, maths and Special Education Needs teachers in FE

Further information about FE ITT bursaries of up to £20,000 offered to teach maths, English or Special Educational Needs (SEN) is available via the following link: Press release

New City & Guilds Education and Training qualifications (6502) for teachers and trainers

Level 5 Award in Education and Training (6502) will be available for centres to deliver from January 2014, complete with revised assignments. The new qualification is largely unchanged in structure and size.

It is a teaching qualification and there is a requirement to be in a teaching role as assessment is by assignment and observed teaching practice.

The qualification is structured as follows:

Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training	
Total credit value of qualification:120 credits	
Credit value at Level 3	None
Credit value at Level 5	Minimum of 61 credits
Credit value of mandatory units	75 credits – 20 mandatory credits at level 4 and 55 mandatory credits at

	level 5
Credit value of optional units	45 credits at level 4 or level 5

LSIS has produced guidance for employers and providers of initial teacher education which introduce and outline the new teaching qualifications.

- the guidance for employers and practitioners, explaining the new qualifications;
- a presentation explaining the new qualifications;
- Guidance for providers of initial teacher education, explaining how the new qualifications differ from the 2007 and 2011 qualifications; and
- a comparison table, summarising the key features of the 2007, 2011 and 2013 qualifications

The documentation is available on the LSIS website:
http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/node/65

We are planning a range of qualification launch events around the country; details will be available on the Customer Support Events webpage

Legacy qualifications

We would like to remind our centres of the key dates for the Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (7305) qualifications:

City & Guilds number	Qualification title	Last registration	Last certification
7305-11	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-12	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-13	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English (ESOL) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-14	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-15	Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-16	Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching English (ESOL) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016

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7305-17	Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-18	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (English Literacy)	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-19	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (English ESOL)	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-20	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (Mathematics Numeracy)	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-91	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-92	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-93	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching English (ESOL) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-94	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-95	Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching English (Literacy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-96	Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching English (ESOL) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-97	Level 5 Subsidiary Diploma in Teaching Mathematics (Numeracy) in the Lifelong Learning Sector	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-98	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (English Literacy)	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-99	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (English ESOL)	31 December 2013	31 December 2016
7305-81	Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (Mathematics Numeracy)	31 December 2013	31 December 2016