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Please make sure you have identified the right membership grade for you. All members of SET are bound by our Conditions of Membership and are required to adhere to our Code of Ethics and Conduct. Please read both in advance and ensure that you have everything you need before completing the online joining form. We will undertake an audit of all applications received so you may be asked to supply additional information including evidence of the qualifications you hold. If you are undertaking an ITE and applying for free student membership, you will need to supply your anticipated completion date. For all other membership grades (Affiliate, Associate and Member), you will need details of the teaching qualifications you hold and your payment method. If you are applying for Fellowship, please complete your application by phone by calling us on 0800 093 9111 (Mon - Fri, 9.30am to 5pm). Our membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Membership costs from just £80 per year for payments by annual direct debit. Monthly direct debit starts from £6.66 per month. Let's get started Joining is quick and easy and only takes a few minutes. We'll ask you a few simple questions about yourself and the teaching qualifications you may hold or are currently undertaking to assess which level of membership you'll need. If you are rejoining today, please log in using the email address originally associated with your account. If you no longer have access to this email you will need to complete the joining process again, starting with the form below. Alternatively, you can contact us to request a change to the email address on your account. Your personal details and privacy We help you progress your career, inspire you to be an even better education and training professional and connect you with thousands of like-minded professionals and experts. As part of the Education and Training Foundation (ETF), we campaign to raise the status of your profession, champion the quality of teaching and training across further education, vocational teaching and training, and provide you with access to the best tools, research and expert views. About SET Membership Take the next step in your journey We have a range of membership levels - each reflecting the diversity of roles within the Further Education and Training sector. All of our members can access our excellent range of benefits. Find out more We can help your organisation increase its reputation and improve the quality of teaching. Become an ETF Partner today. ETF Partnerships Watch this animation to see what SET has to offer Our Professional Status Register is the place to find teachers or trainers who are committed to maintaining their skills and knowledge within the Further Education and Skills sector. Search the Professional Status register The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) is the workforce development body for the Further Education and Skills sector. We work in partnership with others to deliver professional learning and development for teachers, trainers and leaders to improve education and training for learners aged 14 and over. If you have any queries about your ETF training courses, please contact enquiries@etfoundation.co.uk. Please note that this team will not be able to help you with SET or QTLS enquiries and will direct you to contact our membership enquiries team using the details above. Membership of SET is a recognised benchmark of professionalism, illustrated through the various grades of membership and associated post-nominals. We set high standards of entry to our professional membership grades (Associate, Member and Fellow) which includes a clear commitment to continuing professional development. Following the removal of the further education (FE) workforce regulations in 2012, it is no longer a mandatory requirement for all teachers and trainers in the Further Education and Training sector to make an annual and formal declaration of their CPD. However, SET strongly encourages all members, particularly those in the professional membership grades i.e. Associate, Member and Fellow, take appropriate steps to ensure they remain in good professional standing by staying up to date with their subject specialism, professional knowledge and competence and approaches to teaching and learning through a range of formal and informal CPD activities. SET does not stipulate that a minimum number of CPD points or hours must be achieved each year; we are not looking for evidence of how much time has been spent on CPD. We firmly believe that CPD is a very personal journey which should focus on your own professional development needs and the results i.e. the outputs and outcomes of the activity undertaken and, most importantly, the difference it has had or is likely to have on your professional practice and ultimately your learners. SET's Professional Status Register details current members who have achieved Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status and/or Advanced Teacher Status (ATS) and are maintaining the status through their SET membership, a commitment to ongoing CPD (Continuing Professional Development) and adhering to SET's Code of Ethics and Conduct. Please use the register to check the current QTLS/ATS status of a SET member. Only active SET members will appear on the register. From September 2024 QTLS holders, who are maintaining their QTLS status through SET membership, will also be issued with a Teacher Reference Number, and will appear on the Department for Education's (DfE's) central record of qualified teachers managed by the Teaching Regulation Agency. ATS holders, who maintain their SET membership, may also be conferred with Chartered Teacher status (CTeach) through an arrangement with the Chartered College of Teaching (CCT) and will also be listed in CCT's Chartered Teacher Directory. Please note, SET members can opt out of appearing on the Professional Status Register, the DfE's central record of qualified teachers and the CCT's Chartered Teacher directory. Please contact us at membership@etfoundation.co.uk if you cannot find the individual you are searching for on the Professional Status Register. Our membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. You can join SET at any time and the annual membership fees (see below) will automatically be pro-rated. We also offer a reduced rate of membership if you are working but earning less than £16,500 per annum. We offer two ways to pay - by credit/debit card or Direct Debit. There are three key reasons to set up a Direct Debit 1) it's easy to manage and will ensure continuous access to all benefits of membership and 2) You can choose how you pay - annually or monthly and 3) you'll save money on the annual cost of membership, compared to the card payment option. At the Society for Education and Training (SET), part of the Education and Training Foundation (ETF), our mission is to champion the teaching quality and professionalism of our 22,000+ members. As the only professional body for teachers, trainers and leaders within the Further Education (FE) and Training sector, we are dedicated to supporting your career development and raising standards. Through membership, we provide you with access to expert advice, the latest sector research, exclusive resources and events, and a supportive community of like-minded professionals. Our widely-recognised Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLS) status and Advanced Teacher Status (ATS) self-development programmes are available exclusively to SET members. Become a member of SET today and start reaping the benefits. Enhance your career with full access to our resources and work towards achieving QTLS status. Become a member The application window for the 2025 programme has now closed. The window for the January 2026 programme will be open 11 August - 20 October 2025. Over the next few months, we are hosting a series of 'What You Need to Know' webinars to support progression to QTLS. See below for further details. What is QTLS? QTLS is a Professional Status recognised in the education sector, which is gained after successfully completing a six-month period of professional formation and maintained through membership to the Society for Education and Training (SET). The professional formation programme enables you to show your progression and commitment to excellence within the Further Education (FE) and Skills sector. Once you achieve QTLS, you'll be added to the professional status register where future employers can check your status. In addition, QTLS holders who are maintaining this professional status through SET membership, will also be issued with a Teacher Reference Number (TRN) and will appear on the Department for Education's (DfE's) central record of qualified teachers managed by the Teaching Regulation Agency (members can choose to opt out of both). SET is currently working with the DfE to facilitate this; further communications will be sent in due course to all eligible members. QTLS is designed for teachers and trainers working in the FE and Skills sector. If you teach in a school, you should undertake QTS as this is specifically designed for teachers in schools. However, QTLS may be an option in exceptional cases if you work in a school but teach a technical/vocational subject to post-14 learners, or where indicated, a technical/vocational subject or maths or English to post-16 learners. Please refer to our list of eligible technical/vocational subjects for school settings where the required age range of learners for each subject is stated. Join our informative online sessions to learn more about eligibility, applications, and the professional formation process. Key dates and milestones will be outlined, and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions about each stage of achieving QTLS. Find out more Eligibility Below is the full criteria that you must meet to be suitable to apply for QTLS. There is more information on this in the Eligibility explained section. If you are a member of SET (MSET: Member or FSET: Fellow) and meet the eligibility criteria, you can apply during the application window. The application consists of two stages: Stage 1 Payment. We will need to process your non-refundable application fee of £50. Stage 2 Once the payment has been processed, you will be given access to the application portfolio. Please note that it can take up to five days on average to complete Stage 2, the application portfolio and supplying your evidence. Please ensure you factor this in when applying. There are four sections which comprise the application stage: About you Qualifications Roles and responsibilities Supporting statement (endorsement) submission. Once admitted onto the programme, you will be given access to the professional formation portfolio which consists of eight sections: About You Updates to qualifications and roles and responsibilities Self-assessment Professional Development Plan Continuing Professional Development (CPD) record Critical reflection on impact Final action plan Final supporting statement submission As a member of SET, it is important that you show you are continually developing and maintaining a high level of professionalism in order to retain your membership status. We appreciate this can be difficult; you may be struggling to understand what areas of your practice you need to improve or feel unsure how, and if you need to raise your level of professionalism. The ETF Professional Standards, updated in 2022, is designed to help you answer those questions so that you can critically assess your own practice to identify areas on which to focus your Continuous Professional Development (CPD). By following the Professional Standards you will maintain and improve your standard of teaching and improve the outcome for those you teach. If you're a trainee teacher, you can use the standards to benchmark yourself against other teachers and trainers. Assessing yourself against the Professional Standards can also help you achieve success in gaining your qualification or status. 87 per cent of our members said that the Professional Standards made a difference to their professional practice.