

Education Centre Website Notice for **Post-Primary** Schools 2018.19

Notice for Post-Primary NQTs undertaking *Droichead* as a route of Induction:

Droichead is the sole route of Induction for NQTs with a contract of 200 or more hours in large Post-Primary schools with 400 or more students or in SEN settings.

NQTs who are engaging in the *Droichead* process must attend **one 2-hour cluster meeting per term** for the duration of their *Droichead* process.

Cluster Meetings may only be attended by NQTs who have applied for *Droichead* to the Teaching Council via the 'My Registration' portal on its website www.teachingcouncil.ie and received a confirmation email. The National Cluster Meeting Schedule will accompany the confirmation email and NQTs must register with the Education Centre to attend a cluster meeting.

All NQTs engaging in the *Droichead* process must attend Cluster Meeting 1 before attending Cluster Meeting 2 and/or 3.

At cluster meetings, NQTs will present Form D to be stamped by the facilitator as proof of attendance. Form D is available at www.teachingcouncil.ie. Please have this form with you on the night.

In addition to this, NQTs who are engaging in the *Droichead* process should also engage in one other professional learning activity. This *may* include attendance at an NIPT workshop which NQTs must register with the EC to attend.

Please note that the Teaching Council now allows that NQTs who have fulfilled the 20-hour Induction Workshop Programme requirement prior to applying for *Droichead* are required to attend Cluster Meeting 1, only.

Please find below the timelines for the incremental growth of *Droichead* in Post-Primary schools. Schools in any category may opt in to *Droichead* in any of these years, if they so wish, prior to the dates set out below:

Dates	Post-Primary Schools
2017/2018	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for NQTs in SEN settings or in large post-primary schools of 700 or more students
2018/2019	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for NQTs in SEN settings and in large post-primary schools with 400 or more students
2019/2020	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for NQTs in SEN settings and in post-primary schools with 200 or more students
2020/2021	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for all post-primary NQTs

Further information, including the *Droichead* policy is available on www.teachingcouncil.ie

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