

Education Centre Website Notice for **Primary Schools**

Notice for Primary NQTs undertaking *Droichead* as a route to Induction:

From September 2017, *Droichead* is the sole route to Induction for NQTs in SEN settings and in large primary schools of 24 (or more) classroom teachers.

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

NQTs must register with the Education Centre to attend a cluster meeting. Cluster meetings may only be attended by NQTs who have submitted a **DR1 Form** via the Teaching Council website (www.teachingcouncil.ie). DR1 Forms must be submitted by NQTs within 5 working days of commencement of the *Droichead* process. The National Cluster Meeting Schedule will be sent to all NQTs who submit a DR1 Form.

All NQTs engaging in the *Droichead* process must attend Cluster Meeting 1 before attending Cluster 2 and 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 find below the timelines for the incremental growth of *Droichead* in primary schools. If they wish, schools in any category may opt in to *Droichead*, prior to the dates set out below.

Dates	Primary Schools
2017/2018	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for NQTs in SEN settings or in large primary schools where there is a principal and 24 or more mainstream (classroom) teachers
2018/2019	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for NQTs in SEN settings and in large primary schools with 16 or more classroom teachers
2019/2020	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for NQTs in SEN settings and in all primary schools with administrative principals
2020/2021	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for all primary NQTs

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