
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply in relation to Wales, make provision requiring first time head teachers of schools maintained by a local education authority and special schools which are not so maintained and who are appointed as a head teacher on or after 1 September 2005 to:

- (i) hold the National Professional Qualification for Headship in Wales or its equivalent in England, Scotland or Northern Ireland;
- (ii) be qualified teachers; and
- (iii) be registered as teachers.

Migrant workers from other Member States within the European Union, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein or Switzerland will be required to hold equivalent qualifications.

By virtue of regulation 8, a person who is carrying out the functions of a head teacher pending the appointment of a head teacher, or in the absence of a head teacher, ('an acting head teacher') is not a head teacher for the purposes of these Regulations.

These Regulations do not apply to Pupil Referral Units.