

## Guidance

# Check a teacher's record

Use this service to check a teacher's record before they start working for your school, college, teacher supply agency, or other organisation.

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### Applies to England

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You must check a teacher's record before they start working for you in England as part of your safeguarding checks.

If you are an organisation that uses a teacher supply agency, you must get confirmation from the agency that they have completed the safeguarding checks.

You can check a record for anyone with a teacher reference number (TRN), including:

- teachers and former teachers

- teaching assistants and higher level teaching assistants

You can use this service to check the records of multiple teachers at once.

A teacher's record tells you whether they have:

- qualified teacher status (QTS) or early years teacher status (EYTS)
- passed their induction
- national professional qualifications (NPQ) or mandatory qualifications for teaching pupils with sensory impairments
- been prohibited from teaching by the Teaching Regulation Agency
- had sanctions or restrictions placed on them by the General Teaching Council for England (GTCE)
- been found guilty of serious misconduct but not prohibited from teaching

It will not tell you whether someone:

- has qualified teacher learning and skills (QTLS) status – you need to check the [Society for Education and Training professional register](https://set.et-foundation.co.uk/your-career/professional-status-register) (<https://set.et-foundation.co.uk/your-career/professional-status-register>)
- is allowed to manage or govern schools – you need to [check the section 128 list](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/individuals-prohibited-from-managing-or-governing-schools) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/individuals-prohibited-from-managing-or-governing-schools>)
- is barred from working with children – regulated employers can check the DBS's children's barred list using the [check the children's barred list service](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-the-childrens-barred-list) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-the-childrens-barred-list>)

You should only [check the children's barred list](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-the-childrens-barred-list) (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-the-childrens-barred-list>) if a candidate:

- will start working with children while waiting for the [result of an enhanced DBS check](https://www.gov.uk/dbs-check-applicant-criminal-record/get-a-standard-or-enhanced-dbs-check-for-an-employee) (<https://www.gov.uk/dbs-check-applicant-criminal-record/get-a-standard-or-enhanced-dbs-check-for-an-employee>)
- does not need an enhanced DBS check because they've worked with children in a school or college within the last 3 months

## Before you start

To check the record of a single teacher, you'll need:

- the teacher's last name and date of birth (you do not need to know their TRN)
- to [confirm the teacher's identity](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/identity-proofing-and-verification-of-an-individual) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/identity-proofing-and-verification-of-an-individual>)
- a [DfE Sign-in account](#)

To check the records of multiple teachers at once, you will need:

- all of their dates of birth
- all of their TRNs
- a [DfE Sign-in account](#)

**Start now**

## If you do not have a DfE Sign-in account

You can:

- ask your organisation's approver to create an account for you
- use the [contact form \(https://help.signin.education.gov.uk/contact-us\)](https://help.signin.education.gov.uk/contact-us) to request an account if you do not have an approver
- email [teaching.status@education.gov.uk](mailto:teaching.status@education.gov.uk) if you work for a teacher supply agency – you should normally receive a response within 5 working days

If you need to check a teacher's record while you wait for your DfE Sign-in account, email [employer.access@education.gov.uk](mailto:employer.access@education.gov.uk) and say 'urgent query' in the subject line.

## Claiming and disowning teachers

You do not have a legal obligation to claim or disown a teacher from your organisation.

You can no longer claim or disown a teacher using this service.

## Contact

Email [teaching.status@education.gov.uk](mailto:teaching.status@education.gov.uk) if you have questions about this service. We will aim to respond within 5 working days.

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