

# Induction and probation for teacher registration purposes 2013/2014 (Replacement of circular 0029/2012)

## Introduction

The Teaching Council is the body with statutory responsibility for the registration of teachers in Ireland. Teachers are registered by the Council in accordance with the Teaching Council [Registration] Regulations 2009. A copy of these regulations and full details about how newly qualified and other teachers may apply to the Council for registration may be found on the website of the Teaching Council, [www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie).

The Teaching Council Act, 2001, states that the Council shall establish:

- procedures for the induction of new teachers and
- procedures and criteria for their probation (including periods of probation).

On 1 September 2012, the Statutory Instrument commencing the relevant functions of the Act was signed into effect by the Minister for Education and Skills. The Council now has statutory responsibility for induction and probation policy and must ensure that appropriate procedures and criteria are developed.

## Teacher Registration

The Teaching Council has set out the induction and probation requirements which must be met by registered teachers in its publication *Procedures for Induction and Procedures and Criteria for Probation*. This publication replaces circular 0029/2012 of the Department of Education and Skills

The above publication also outlines a new model of induction and probation for primary and post-primary teachers, which will be piloted, on an opt-in basis, by primary and post-primary schools over the next two years. Central to this new model is a period of post-qualification professional practice called *Droichead* (the Irish for bridge) which is designed to reflect the importance of the induction phase on the teacher's lifelong learning journey.

Details of the new model for the pilot phase are available in the Teaching Council's publication *The Droichead Pilot Programme - A Guide for Pilot Schools*.

For further information about induction, probation and *Droichead*, please see the Teaching Council's website, [www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie)

For further information about inspection for the purpose of probation please see [www.lec.ie](http://www.lec.ie). Queries regarding inspection for the purpose of probation should be made to [probation@lec.ie](mailto:probation@lec.ie) or phone 061 585060.

*Procedures for Induction and Procedures and Criteria for Probation*

[http://www.teachingcouncil.ie/fileupload/Registration/Reg%20with%20Conditions/Procedures\\_for\\_Induction\\_and\\_Procedures\\_and\\_Criteria\\_for\\_Probation\\_30082013%20\(4\).pdf](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie/fileupload/Registration/Reg%20with%20Conditions/Procedures_for_Induction_and_Procedures_and_Criteria_for_Probation_30082013%20(4).pdf)

*The Droichead Pilot Programme - A Guide for Pilot Schools*

<http://www.teachingcouncil.ie/fileupload/Teacher%20Education/Droichead/2013-08-30%20Droichead%20Guidelines.pdf>