



Time Limit for Obtaining Full Registration by Provisionally Registered Teachers

Policy

1 Introduction

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Registration and Standards Rules in place at the time of reading.

2 Time Limit

(a) Teachers Registered prior to 1 September 2003

Full Registration must have been obtained on or before 1 January 2010.

(b) Teachers Registered from 1 September 2003 Onwards

(i) If participating in the Teacher Induction Scheme – Full Registration to be obtained within three years.

(ii) If not participating in the Teacher Induction Scheme and following the Flexible Route - Full Registration to be obtained within five years.

Please note that the Time Limit starts from the date that Provisional Registration was first granted to you.

If your Provisional Registration has lapsed and been renewed, the Time Limit still runs from the date that the Provisional Registration was first granted to you. If, however, your Provisional Registration has been cancelled and then restored by GTC Scotland on application, the Time Limit instead runs from the date of restoration.

3 Teacher Induction Scheme

If you withdraw from the Teacher Induction Scheme after 1 April in the calendar year in which your induction is due to commence, the three year Time Limit will continue to apply regardless of whether the Flexible Route is then followed.

The five year Time Limit will apply if you withdraw before 1 April in the calendar year in which your induction year is due to commence and the Flexible Route is then followed.

4 Time Limit Extensions

If you believe there are exceptional circumstances preventing your achievement of full registration within the prescribed Time Limit, please notify GTC Scotland of these and an appropriate extension to the Time Limit Expiry Date will be considered. You may make no more than two applications for an extension to your Time Limit Expiry Date.

5 Time Limit Expiry

If, following a lapse of Provisional Registration, the Time Limit has expired, you must make an application in writing with a recommendation from an appropriate manager for restoration to the Register. If no recommendation is available, you must first complete a Returning to Teaching course.

If your registration has been cancelled due to failing to meet the Standard for Full Registration within the Time Limit and you wish to seek restoration to the register, you must make an application in writing with a recommendation from an appropriate manager.

On receipt of your application, and if nothing has been reported by Disclosure Scotland, the Servicing Officer of the Registration Panel will set a date for panel members to consider it. There will be no automatic entitlement to restoration. If your Provisional Registration is restored, the panel will determine the period of probationary service to be completed and set a new Time Limit expiry date.

You may make no more than two applications for restoration to the Register. In exceptional circumstances and on cause shown, the Registration Panel will have discretion to consider a third application.

If your request for restoration to the Register has been refused, you will have a right to appeal the decision to the GTC Scotland Appeals Board provided you have grounds to do so.

6 Second or Subsequent Teaching Qualifications

If you apply to have a second or subsequent teaching qualification added to your registration and Provisional Registration is granted, Full Registration must be obtained no later than three years from the date of Provisional Registration of that subject.

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