

# National Bargaining News

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News from EIS/FELA National Reps

## GTCS Registration Update

### National Roll-Out begins...

September 2021 will see the national roll-out of GTCS registration for college lecturers across Scotland. This brings to fruition a long-held EIS-FELA ambition and one which we fought for as part of the May and November 2017 NJNC Agreements.

Lecturers holding a TQFE or recognised Primary or Secondary teaching qualification will be the first to register in September 2021, with others following in the spring of 2022.

### What do you need to do if you are eligible to register?

Eligible lecturers will receive an email from GTCS, inviting them to register and explaining the process. You do not need to do anything until then.

### What documents do I need to register?

In preparation for registration, it would be worthwhile looking out your teaching qualification. If you can't find it, check with your college HR Department in the first instance as they may hold a copy. If they don't, then you should contact your university provider for confirmation of the award. GTCS will accept an email from them confirming that you have successfully completed the qualification. For those who completed the TQFE in sessions 2019/20 and 2020/21, you will only have an electronic certificate as a result of COVID restrictions and this is fine. You will also need an updated ePVG.

### What if I don't hold a TQFE at present?

If you don't currently hold a TQFE, don't worry! You will be in the second tranche of registration which is due to take place from April 2022. Work is ongoing to develop routes to registration and more information will be coming out on this in the months to come.

### Am I eligible to register in September 2021 if I am qualified outwith Scotland, or hold a Higher Education or alternative teaching qualification?

You will not be eligible to register in September but you will form part of the second tranche of registration, due to start in April 2022. Work is ongoing within GTCS to consider and identify validated routes to registration. Alternative qualifications will be assessed as part of this process.

### Are there any training events about GTCS Registration?

Yes, training specifically for **Branch Officials and Learning Reps** will take place on **Friday, 20th August between 10am and 1pm**. Branch Secretaries should contact Leigh at [Imeechan@eis.org.uk](mailto:Imeechan@eis.org.uk) with members details.

Further training events for members have been scheduled for w/c 23rd August. Colleges have been grouped together to allow more opportunity for dialogue and interaction. The sessions, **which will be conducted online**, will provide opportunities for members to ask FELA negotiators and GTCS representatives any questions which they may have about registration.

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August** – Edinburgh, Fife, Dundee & Angus, NESCol, West Lothian and Newbattle Colleges. Book online [here](#)

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August** – Ayrshire, Borders, Forth Valley, Dumfries & Galloway, New College Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire Colleges. Book online [here](#)

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August** – Glasgow Kelvin College, Clyde, City of Glasgow, West College Scotland. Book online [here](#)

**Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> August** – UHI colleges. Book online [here](#)

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> August** – event open to lecturers from all colleges where they have been unable to attend the previous session. Book online [here](#)

The sessions will run from **4pm – 5pm on Monday to Thursday** and from **12.15 pm – 1.15pm on Friday**.

Queries should be directed to Leigh at [Imeechan@eis.org.uk](mailto:Imeechan@eis.org.uk).

### I have been waiting to enrol in TQFE for a long time, what is happening to reduce the backlog within the sector?

If you have been waiting to start TQFE, contact your line manager or FELA Branch Secretary to find out how places are being prioritised in your college and when you are likely to be able to undertake TQFE.

The College Lecturer Registration Working Group (GTCS, EIS-FELA, Colleges Scotland and the Scottish Government) has highlighted to Scottish Ministers the extensive backlog of lecturers awaiting to undertake TQFE and the impact which this backlog could have on registration.

EIS-FELA is continuing to call on the Scottish Government to allocate dedicated resources to fund participation and demonstrate its commitment to promoting the professionalism of the sector and the registration process.

### Scotland's college lecturers and their students deserve no less!

For more information on GTCS Registration, visit the [EIS website](#) or the [GTCS Registration Ready webpage](#) or watch the following clip on [YouTube](#). #GTCSRegistrationReady.