

## Education Centre Website Notice for Primary Schools

### Notice for Primary NQTs undertaking *Droichead* as a route of Induction:

From September 2017, *Droichead* is the sole route of Induction for NQTs in SEN settings.

From September 2018, *Droichead* is the sole route of Induction in large primary schools of **16** (or more) classroom teachers.

NQTs who are engaging in the *Droichead* process must attend **one 2-hour cluster meeting per term** for the duration of their *Droichead* process.

Cluster meetings may be attended only by NQTs who have applied for *Droichead* to The Teaching Council via 'My Registration' portal on its website ([www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie)) and received a confirmation email.

The National Cluster Meeting Schedule will accompany the confirmation email and NQTs must register with the Education Centre to attend a cluster meeting.

All NQTs engaging in the *Droichead* process must attend Cluster Meeting 1 before attending Cluster 2 and/or 3.

At cluster meetings, NQTs will present **Form D** to be stamped by the facilitator as proof of attendance. Form D is available at [www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie). Please have this form with you on the night.

In addition to cluster meetings, NQTs who are engaging in the *Droichead* process should also engage in one other professional learning activity. This *may* include attendance at an NIPT workshop which NQTs must register with the EC to attend.

**The Teaching Council now allows that NQTs who have fulfilled the 20-hour Induction Workshop Programme requirement prior to applying for *Droichead* are required to attend Cluster Meeting 1, only.**

Please find below the timelines for the incremental growth of *Droichead* in primary schools. If they wish, schools in any category may opt in to *Droichead*, prior to the dates set out below.

Dates	Primary Schools
2017/2018	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for NQTs in SEN settings or in large primary schools where there is a principal and 24 or more mainstream (classroom) teachers
2018/2019	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for NQTs in SEN settings and in large primary schools with 16 or more classroom teachers
2019/2020	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for NQTs in SEN settings and in all primary schools with administrative principals
2020/2021	<i>Droichead</i> the route of induction for all primary NQTs

Further information, including the *Droichead* policy, is available on [www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie)