



Appropriate Body
Induction Handbook 2023-24

Handbook and guidance for ECTs, Induction Tutors, Mentors and Headteachers

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Section 1 - Introduction and Key Information

Welcome to ECT Induction with HISP Teaching School Hub Appropriate Body

All qualified teachers who are employed in a relevant school in England must, by law, have completed an induction period satisfactorily, subject to specified exceptions.

Statutory Induction is the bridge between initial teacher training and a career in teaching. It combines a structured programme of development, support and professional dialogue, underpinned by the Early Career Framework, with monitoring and an assessment of performance against the Teachers' Standards.

The programme should support the early career teacher (ECT) and provide them with the necessary training to ensure that they can demonstrate that their performance against the Teachers' Standards is satisfactory by the end of the induction period. Induction should provide a foundation for ECTs and equip them with the tools to be an effective and successful teacher.

The Teachers' Standards will be used to assess an ECT's performance at the end of their induction period. The decision about whether an ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards is satisfactory upon completion of induction should take into account the ECT's work context and must be made on the basis of what can reasonably be expected of an ECT by the end of their induction period within the context of the standards.




Judgements should reflect the expectation that ECTs have effectively consolidated their initial teacher training (ITT) and demonstrated their ability to meet the Teachers' Standards consistently over a sustained period in their practice. The ECF is not and should not be used as an assessment tool.

Key Information

Appropriate Body: HISP Teaching School Hub (also referenced as HISP TSH)

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Section 2 - A Suitable Post for Induction and the Induction Period

In order for the ECT to serve induction the Headteacher and Appropriate Body must first agree that the post is suitable for this purpose. The headteacher of the institution in which an ECT is serving an induction period, and the Appropriate Body, are jointly responsible for ensuring that the supervision and training of the ECT meets their development needs. The duties assigned to the ECT and the conditions under which they work should be such as to facilitate a fair and effective assessment of the ECT's conduct and efficiency as a teacher against the Teachers' Standards. In particular a suitable post is expected to:

- have a headteacher in post who is able to make a recommendation about whether the ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards is satisfactory;
- have prior agreement with an appropriate body to act in this role to quality assure the induction process;
- provide the ECT with an ECF-based induction programme;
- provide the ECT with the necessary employment tasks, experience, and support to enable them to demonstrate satisfactory performance against the Teachers' Standards throughout and by the end of the induction period;
- include the appointment of an induction tutor who is expected to hold QTS
- include the appointment of a designated mentor who is expected to hold QTS;
- provide the ECT with a reduced timetable to enable them to undertake activities in their induction programme;
- not make unreasonable demands upon the ECT;
- not normally demand teaching outside the age range and/or subject(s) for which the ECT has been employed to teach;
- not present the ECT, on a day-to-day basis, with discipline problems that are unreasonably demanding for the setting;

- involve the ECT regularly teaching the same class(es);
- involve similar planning, teaching and assessment processes to those in which other teachers working in similar substantive posts in the institution are engaged; and
- not involve additional non-teaching responsibilities without the provision of appropriate preparation and support.

In addition, the Governing Body must be satisfied that the institution has the capacity to support the ECT and that the Headteacher is fulfilling their responsibilities.

Determining the length of the induction period

The length of the induction period an ECT is required to serve, whether the teaching post in which they are doing so is part-time or full-time, is the full-time equivalent of two school years (this usually consists of six school terms, divided into two periods each consisting of three school terms). The appropriate body makes the final decision about the equivalence to two school years in cases where the ECT serves induction in more than one setting or in non-standard settings such as those in the FE sector. In some exceptional circumstances the length of an induction period may be reduced. Further details can be found in Section 5 of this handbook.

Minimum period of continuous employment that can count towards induction

The minimum period of employment that can be counted towards completion of the induction period (for both full-time and part-time ECTs) is one term (based on an institution that operates three terms in an academic year). This applies to both permanent and long-term supply teaching posts. It also reflects the need for each ECT to work in a stable environment and receive a supported and pre-planned induction programme. In addition, it is important that the ECT is in post long enough to be able to receive sufficient monitoring and feedback and prepare for a fair and reasonable assessment to be made of their performance. It would be very difficult to do this against all of the Teachers' Standards over a period of less than one term.

Any periods of induction served under the Welsh induction regulations in Wales can count towards induction in England.

Length of the induction period for an ECT who works part-time

ECTs serving induction on a part-time basis at any point will need to serve the full-time equivalent (FTE) of two full school years. Therefore, an ECT working part-time as a 0.5 FTE will need to serve induction for four school years.

It is for the school and appropriate body to decide in each individual case the length of the induction period required which is fair and takes full account of the ECT's working pattern.

In cases where part-time ECTs have completed a period covering but not equivalent to two full school years and can demonstrate that they meet the Teachers' Standards they may be able to have their induction reduced. Further details can be found in Section 5 of this handbook.

Ensuring a reduced timetable

The Headteacher must ensure that the ECT has a reduced timetable. **In the first year (terms 1-3) of induction an ECT must not teach more than 90% of the timetable** of the school's existing teachers on the main pay range and **in the second year (terms 4-6) of induction must not teach more than 95%**. This time off timetable should be used to specifically enable ECTs to undertake activities in their induction programme. **This is in addition to the timetable reduction in respect of planning, preparation, and assessment time (PPA) that all teachers receive.** ECTs in independent schools, academies and free schools, independent nursery schools and FE colleges must also have a reduced timetable on a comparable basis.

Suggested uses of ECT induction time:

- Meetings with mentor (**weekly in Year 1, fortnightly in Year 2**) and/ or induction tutor (**once per half term**)
- Meetings with other staff with key responsibilities e.g., SENCO
- Joint planning
- Observing other teachers teaching
- ECF-based training activities (e.g., reading)
- Compiling evidence against the Teachers' Standards

Observing other teachers

ECTs should use some of their ECT induction time to observe experienced teachers either in their own school or in other schools where effective practice has been identified. The Induction Tutor or Mentor should advise the ECT on who to observe and the ECT should make the arrangements to carry out the observations. The observations should have a focus, which is informed by the ECT's areas for development identified from progress reviews or formal assessments. The ECT should make notes about what they have learnt from these observations and discuss these with their induction tutor and/ or mentor during meetings.

HISP TSH Appropriate Body has provided a template ('Observing other teachers - Record of observation for ECTs') for ECTs to use to record their observations of other teachers. This can be accessed via the 'Resources' section of ECT Manager.

Appointment of an Induction Tutor

The headteacher should identify a person to act as the ECT's induction tutor, to provide regular monitoring and support, and coordination of assessment. The induction tutor is expected to hold QTS and have the necessary skills and knowledge to work successfully in this role and be able to assess the ECT's progress against the Teachers' Standards. This is a very important element of the induction process, and the induction tutor must be given sufficient time to carry out the role effectively and to meet the needs of the ECT. The induction tutor will need to be able to make rigorous and fair judgements about the ECT's progress in relation to the Teachers' Standards. They will need to be able to recognise when early action is needed in case of an ECT who is experiencing difficulties. It may, in some circumstances, be appropriate for the headteacher to be the induction tutor. The induction tutor is a separate role to that of the mentor.

Appointment of a Mentor

The headteacher should identify a person to act as the ECT's mentor, to provide regular mentoring. The mentor is expected to hold QTS and have the necessary skills and knowledge to work successfully in this role. Mentoring is a very important element of the induction process, and the mentor is expected to be given adequate time to carry out the role effectively and to meet the needs of the ECT. This includes attending regular mentoring sessions and mentor training where appropriate.

The mentor and the induction tutor are two discrete roles with differing responsibilities, and it is expected that these roles should be held by different individuals. In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary for the headteacher to designate a single teacher to fulfil both roles, which may be the headteacher themselves. Where this is the case the headteacher should ensure that the induction tutor understands that they are fulfilling two discrete roles and that adequate safeguards are put in place to ensure that the mentoring support offered to the ECT is not conflated with assessment of the ECT against the Teachers' Standards.

Section 3 - Monitoring, Support and Assessment during Induction

A suitable monitoring and support programme must be put in place for the ECT, structured to meet their professional development needs (including the development needs of part-time ECTs). This is expected to include:

- a programme of training that supports the ECT to understand and apply the knowledge and skills set out in the Early Career Framework's evidence ("learn that") statements and practice ("learn how to") statements;
- regular one-to-one mentoring sessions (**weekly in Year 1, fortnightly in Year 2**) from a designated Mentor who is expected to hold QTS and has the time and ability to carry out the role effectively;
- support and guidance from a designated Induction Tutor who is expected to hold QTS and has the time and ability to carry out the role effectively;
- observation of the ECT's teaching with written feedback provided;
- professional reviews of progress conducted by the Induction Tutor to set and review development targets against the Teachers' Standards; and
- ECT's observation of experienced teachers either in the ECT's own institution or in another institution where effective practice has been identified.

Early Career Framework based training

The headteacher is expected to ensure that ECTs receive a programme of training that enables the ECT to understand and apply the knowledge and skills set out in each of the ECF evidence ('learn that') statements and practice ('learn how to') statements. Early Career Framework-based training is expected to be embedded as a central aspect of induction; it is not an additional training programme.

There are three approaches schools can choose from to enable the delivery of an ECF based induction. It is up to the headteacher to choose the approach that best suits the needs of their ECTs and mentors. The three approaches are:

- **A funded provider led programme (Full Induction)** - Schools can choose to work with providers accredited by the Department for Education who will design and deliver a programme of face-to-face and online training to ECTs and their mentors. This programme is funded by the Department for Education.
- **Schools deliver their own training using DfE accredited materials and resources (Core Induction – CIP)** - Schools use freely available DfE accredited materials, which includes ready to use materials and resources for new teachers and mentors, to deliver their own ECT and mentor support. These materials have been accredited by the Department for Education and quality assured by the Education Endowment Foundation.
- **Schools design and deliver their own two-year induction programme for ECTs based on the ECF. (School Led programme).**

Observation of the ECT's teaching practice

An ECT's teaching is expected to be **observed at regular intervals** throughout their induction period to facilitate a fair and effective assessment of the ECT's teaching practice, conduct and efficiency against the Teachers' Standards. Observations of the ECT may be undertaken by the induction tutor, mentor or another suitable person who holds QTS from inside or outside the institution. The headteacher, or a member of the senior leadership team, must observe the ECT at least once during the first assessment period (Year 1).

As a minimum, the ECT should be **formally observed** teaching (by their Induction Tutor) a minimum of once per term, so **at least 6 times during their 2-year induction period**.

The ECT and the observer should meet to review any teaching that has been observed, with arrangements for post-observation review meetings made in advance. Feedback from the observation should be provided in a prompt manner and be constructive, with a brief written record made on each occasion using the 'ECT Lesson Observation Form'. Development needs must be clearly identified.

Professional Progress Reviews

The induction tutor is expected to review the ECT's progress against the Teachers' Standards throughout the induction period, with **progress reviews taking place in each term where a formal assessment is not scheduled (Terms 1, 2, 4 & 5)**.

Progress reviews are expected to be informed by existing evidence of the ECT's teaching and to be conducted with sufficient detail to ensure that there is nothing unexpected for the ECT when it comes to their formal assessment. ECTs are not expected to create evidence specifically to inform a progress review but are

expected to engage with the process and provide copies of the existing evidence as agreed with the Induction Tutor. **Progress reviews are not formal assessments.**

Progress reviews will be recorded by the Induction Tutor using the template on ECT Manager. The Induction Tutor will be expected to record whether the ECT is on track to successfully complete induction in terms of making satisfactory progress against the Teachers' Standards, briefly summarising evidence collected and stating the agreed development targets. It is also expected that objectives are reviewed and revised in relation to the Teachers' Standards and the needs and strengths of the individual ECT. Where the Induction Tutor is not the headteacher, it is expected that they also update the headteacher on the ECT's progress after each progress review.

Both the Induction Tutor and ECT will be expected to sign off the progress review (with the ECT being able to add comments if they wish) and will have access to the review for their own records. It is recommended that copies are supplied to the Mentor and where an ECT is not on track to the headteacher also.

Where the Induction Tutor believes the ECT is not making satisfactory progress, they should indicate this clearly on the progress review template, listing any teaching standards (including personal and professional conduct) where there is cause for concern and how any evidence supports that concern. For any ECT not on track to successfully complete induction it is expected that a support plan is put in place to assist the ECT in getting back on track, using the 'Additional Support Plan' template document available on ECT Manager. This should be attached to the progress review and submitted electronically via ECT Manager. Further details can be found in Section 4 of this handbook.

HISP TSH Appropriate Body will monitor progress reviews submitted on ECT Manager to identify any ECTs that may be a cause for concern.

Deadlines for submission of termly progress reviews for full time ECTs starting 1 September 2023 are:

Year 1

Term 1 Progress Review Form: Friday 1st December 2023

Term 2 Progress Review Form: Friday 15th March 2024

Year 2

Term 4 Progress Review: Friday 6th December 2024

Term 5 Progress Review: Friday 21st March 2025

Formal Assessments

ECTs should have formal assessments carried out by either the headteacher/principal or the induction tutor. Mentors should not carry out formal assessments unless they are also acting as the induction tutor (see Section 6 for further information about roles and responsibilities). **ECTs should receive an assessment in the final term of the first year (term 3) and in the final term of the second year of induction (term 6).** Evidence used in assessments should be clear and transparent and copies provided to the ECT and appropriate body.

Evidence for assessments must be drawn from the ECT's work as a teacher during their induction. To ensure evidence gathering is not burdensome for the ECT, formal assessment meetings should be informed by

evidence gathered during progress reviews and assessment periods leading up to the formal assessment. This will consist of existing documents and working documents. There is no need for the ECT to create anything new for the formal assessment, they should draw from their work as a teacher and from their induction programme. Judgements made during the induction period should relate directly to the Teachers' Standards and should not be made against the ECF.

ECTs should be kept up to date on their progress. **There should be nothing unexpected.**

Formal assessment reports should be completed for both formal assessments using the template on ECT Manager. These reports should clearly show assessment of the ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards at the time of the assessment.

At the end of the first assessment period induction tutors are expected to clearly indicate, based on the ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards within the assessment period, which **one** of the following statements is applicable:

- The above named teacher's performance indicates that **they are making satisfactory progress** against the Teachers' Standards within the induction period
- The above named teacher's performance indicates that **they are not making satisfactory progress** against the Teachers' Standards for the satisfactory completion of the induction period.

Progress Reviews and Assessments will also require a grade, these again will need to be based on the ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards within the assessment period.

- A: The ECT has considerable strengths and is working well within the requirements
- B: The SCT has many strengths with a few areas for development that are being addressed easily
- C: The ECT has strengths, some areas for development have been met and some are still being worked on
- D: Development needed in basic practice, warranting additional support from within the school
- E: Considerable areas for development required in basic practice, giving rise for serious concern. Additional support needed for school and ECT.

HISP TSH Appropriate Body will annually sample a minimum of 10% of all registered ECTs who are recorded as making satisfactory progress against the Teachers' Standards at the end of the first assessment period. If an ECT is recorded as not making satisfactory progress against the Teachers' Standards at the end of the first assessment period, and therefore is not on track to successfully completed induction, it is expected that a support plan is put in place to assist the ECT in getting back on track, using the 'Additional Support Plan' template document available on ECT Manager. This should be attached to the formal assessment form and submitted electronically via ECT Manager. Further details about unsatisfactory progress can be found in Section 4 of this handbook.

The final assessment meeting is at the end of the induction period (term 6) and will form the basis of the headteacher's/principal's recommendation to the appropriate body as to whether, having completed their induction period, the ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards is satisfactory, unsatisfactory, or whether or not an extension should be considered. This recommendation should be recorded clearly on the final assessment report. Further details about unsatisfactory progress can be found in Section 4 of this handbook.

Once assessment reports have been completed, the ECT should add their comments. They should then be signed by the induction tutor, headteacher/principal and the ECT within 10 working days of the final assessment meeting. These will be submitted electronically via ECT Manager.

Deadlines for submission of formal assessments for full time ECTs starting 1 September 2021 are:

Year 1

Term 3 Formal Assessment: Friday 28th June 2024

Year 2

Term 6 Formal Assessment: Friday 27th June 2025

Interim Assessments

When an ECT leaves a post after completing more than one term in an institution but before the next formal assessment would be required, the Induction Tutor or Headteacher should complete an interim assessment via ECT Manager. This should take place before the ECT leaves their post in order to ensure that the ECT's progress and performance since the last assessment are captured. This is especially important where concerns about progress may have arisen. The information recorded on the interim assessment form will help to ensure that induction can be continued effectively in any subsequent post. This is also required if the ECT leaves during their final term of induction.

Evidencing making progress towards each of the Teachers' Standards

The Teachers' Standards Evidence Form is a working electronic document that is completed by the ECT throughout their Induction Period as a record of how they are meeting the Teachers' Standards. It should be updated regularly by the ECT as evidence of their progress throughout the induction period. It will form a key piece of evidence, which the Induction Tutor will refer to when completing the progress reviews and formal assessment forms via ECT Manager. The ECT should make brief statements or bullet points underneath each standard with reference to where the evidence may be found. E.g., 'Formal Lesson Observation Form 03/12/23'.

HISP TSH Appropriate Body does not expect ECTs to put together a 'physical' portfolio of evidence against each of the Teachers' Standards. We are asking for evidence to be recorded via the Teachers' Standards Evidence Form. We expect for each of the Teachers' Standards, for ECTs to have:

- **x2 pieces of evidence by the end of Year 1:** x1 piece to show how they are **beginning** to meet each standard and x1 piece to show how they are **developing** their practice against each standard;
- **x1 further piece of evidence by the end of Year 2** to show how in their practice they are **embedding** each standard

HISP TSH Appropriate Body has put together a document, which can be found in the 'Resources' section on ECT Manager, that details 'examples' and 'sources' for evidence for each standard. Please note this is not an exhaustive list of examples/ sources of evidence and it is not phase specific. An exemplar completed Teachers' Standards Evidence Form ('EXAMPLE Teachers' Standards Evidence Form') can be found in the 'Resources' section on ECT Manager.

ECT Manager

[HISP TSH ECT Manager](#)

HISP TSH Appropriate Body uses an **online system (ECT Manager)** to manage the completion and submission of all progress reviews, formal assessments, and interim assessments. Pre-recorded training on this system will be provided by HISP TSH Appropriate Body for the relevant users. HISP TSH will remind schools of the deadlines for submission of Progress Reviews and Formal Assessments during the year. ECT Manager will also send a series of reminders to the relevant users in the lead up to these deadlines. Any issues encountered whilst using ECT Manager can be resolved by contacting **Emma Gerrard** (e.gerrard@hispmat.org).

Early career teachers may only serve one induction period

An ECT has only **one chance** to complete statutory induction. An ECT who has completed induction and is judged to have failed to meet the Teachers' Standards at the end of their induction period, is not permitted to repeat induction. While such an ECT does not lose their QTS, they cannot be employed lawfully as a teacher in a relevant school, including any post where they would carry out specified work. Their name is included on the list of persons, held by the Teaching Regulation Agency, who have failed to satisfactorily complete an induction period.

Raising concerns

An ECT should normally raise any concerns about their induction programme with their Induction Tutor in the first instance. If the matter is not resolved, the ECT may notify the named contact (David Higginbottom) at the Appropriate Body who should, as soon as possible, investigate the issues raised. Further guidance, including details of the HISP TSH Appropriate Body Complaints Policy, will be published in a separate 'Quality Assurance Guidance/ Process' document.

Section 4 - Unsatisfactory Progress

Putting in place additional monitoring and support

Where the induction tutor determines, **during the progress review**, that the ECT is not making satisfactory progress against the Teachers' Standards, they should state this clearly in the progress review record. The Induction Tutor is expected to notify HISP TSH Appropriate Body of this determination and complete electronically the 'Additional Support Plan' template document available on ECT Manager. This should clearly outline the support plan to be put in place to assist the ECT in getting back on track. This should be shared electronically, via ECT Manager, with HISP TSH Appropriate Body for review. We advise 4-week support plans.

Once received, each Support Plan will be RAG rated as follows and HISP TSH appropriate body will provide the following support:

Red	The Induction Tutor and/ or Headteacher has outlined series concerns/ issues about the ECT's progress (to the ECT) against the Teachers' Standards and within 3 working days of receiving the additional support plan the Appropriate Body named contact will be in touch via telephone/ email to discuss with the induction tutor and/ or headteacher in order to establish what further support is needed and to signpost further appropriate CPD. A weekly email update on the ECT's progress against the agreed targets/ actions to be taken, should be sent to the Appropriate Body named contact.
Amber	The Induction Tutor and/ or Headteacher has outlined some concerns/ issues about the ECT's progress (to the ECT) against the Teachers' Standards and the Appropriate Body named contact will be in touch via telephone or email, following 2-weeks of the plan being in place, to discuss the ECT's progress against the agreed targets/ actions to be taken with the Induction Tutor and/ or Headteacher. Additional/ appropriate CPD opportunities will be signposted.
Green	The Induction Tutor and/ or Headteacher has some minor concerns/ issues about the ECT's progress (to the ECT) against the Teachers' Standards and the Appropriate Body named contact will be in touch via telephone or email, at the end of the 4-week plan, to discuss and review the ECT's progress against the agreed targets/ actions to be taken with the Induction Tutor and/ or Headteacher.

If it becomes apparent that an ECT is not making satisfactory progress **in the first formal assessment**, HISP TSH Appropriate Body should be informed and the Headteacher should ensure that additional monitoring and support measures are put in place **immediately**. It is important that the ECT is very clearly made aware that they are not making satisfactory progress and are aware of where they need to improve their practice and that they are given every opportunity to raise their performance. The Headteacher and the Appropriate Body should be satisfied that:

- areas in which improvement is needed have been correctly identified.
- appropriate objectives have been set to guide the ECT towards satisfactory performance against the Teachers' Standards; and
- an effective support plan (as detailed above) is in place to help the ECT improve their performance.

If there is a dispute about improvement areas, objectives or support plans, it is HISP TSH Appropriate Body that holds the final decision regarding the progress that an ECT is making towards meeting the Teachers' Standards.

If the ECT's progress is still unsatisfactory in subsequent progress reviews following the first assessment period, induction tutors should continue to deliver progress reviews as set out above, including reviewing and revising the ECT's objectives and support plan, linking these with the Teachers' Standards and sharing with the ECT, Headteacher and HISP TSH Appropriate Body.

Action if performance is still unsatisfactory

Where there are still concerns about the ECT's progress between formal assessment one and two, the Induction Tutor should explain clearly to the ECT the consequences of failure to complete the induction period satisfactorily and discuss fully with the ECT:

- the identified weaknesses;
- the agreed objectives previously set in relation to the requirements for the satisfactory completion of induction, updating these as necessary;
- details of additional monitoring and support put in place;
- the evidence used to inform the judgement; and
- details of the improvement plan for the next assessment period.

As with all progress reviews, the progress review form should capture the ECT's unsatisfactory performance against the Teachers' Standards and be shared with the Appropriate Body alongside the corresponding support plan. The completion of the assessment report will reflect the current rate of progress and include brief details of the issues discussed.

Action in the event of serious capability problems

In a few particularly serious cases it may be necessary to instigate capability procedures at a stage before the end of the induction period, which may lead to dismissal before the end of the induction period. If this is the case, for as long as the ECT remains at the institution the induction process must continue in parallel with the capability procedure. HISP TSH Appropriate Body should be informed.

Making an appeal against a decision by the appropriate body

If an ECT fails induction, or has their induction extended, the Appropriate Body must advise the ECT of their right to appeal, who to appeal to, and the time limit for doing so. In England, the Appeals Body is the Teaching Regulation Agency, which acts on behalf of the Secretary of State. For induction completed in Wales, the Appeals Body is the Education Workforce Council.

Further guidance about the appeals process is available at: [Newly qualified teacher \(NQT\) induction appeals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/newly-qualified-teacher-nqt-induction-appeals)

Section 5 - Completing the Induction Period

An ECT completes their induction period when they have served:

- the full-time equivalent of two standard school years (usually six terms); or
- a reduced period of a minimum of one term (as agreed with the Appropriate Body) based on previous teaching experience; or
- a reduced period of induction for part-time teachers covering but not equivalent to two school years (as agreed with the Appropriate Body); or
- an extension to that period, as a consequence of absences occurring during the period; or
- an extension following a decision by the Appropriate Body or the Appeals Body.

The Appropriate Body makes the final decision as to whether or not an ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards is satisfactory, drawing on the recommendation of the Headteacher.

Within 20 working days of receiving the Headteacher's recommendation, the Appropriate Body must decide whether the ECT:

- has performed satisfactorily against the Teachers' Standards and thereby satisfactorily completed their induction period;
- requires an extension of the induction period; or
- has failed to satisfactorily complete the induction period.

In making this decision the Appropriate Body must take into account the Headteacher's recommendation and all available evidence including any written representations from the ECT.

The Appropriate Body must, within three working days of making the decision, make written notification of the decision to: the ECT; the Headteacher (in whose institution the ECT was working at the end of their induction); and the employer. They must also notify the Teaching Regulation Agency within three working days in the case of decisions to fail or extend the ECT's induction, and via the termly return for other notifications.

If the Appropriate Body decides to extend the period of induction or that the ECT has failed to complete their induction period satisfactorily, they must inform the ECT of their right to appeal against this decision, with the name and address of the Appeals Body (the Teaching Regulation Agency), and the deadline for appeals. The ECT must notify the Teaching Regulation Agency that they wish to appeal the decision within 20 working days, after which the right of appeal expires except in exceptional circumstances.

Failure to complete the induction period satisfactorily means that the ECT is no longer eligible to be employed as a teacher in a maintained school, a maintained nursery school, a non-maintained special school or a pupil referral unit. However, this does not prevent them from teaching in other settings where statutory induction is not mandatory.

An ECT working in a relevant school who has failed induction must be dismissed within 10 working days of them giving notice that they do not intend to exercise their right to appeal, or from when the time limit for making an appeal expires without an appeal being brought. If the ECT's appeal is heard, and they have been judged as having failed induction, the employer should dismiss the ECT within ten working days of being told of the outcome of the hearing.

The Teaching Regulation Agency must ensure that the name of the person who has failed induction is included on the list of persons who have failed to satisfactorily complete an induction period and notify them of their inclusion. This must only be done once the time limit for making an appeal against the decision has expired or following dismissal of such an appeal.

Reduction to an ECTs Induction Period

Guidance for Headteachers, Induction Tutors and ECTs

This guidance document draws upon Section 3: Special circumstances, from the [Induction for early career teachers \(England\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#) statutory guidance for appropriate bodies, headteachers, school staff and governing bodies. In particular, it refers to paragraphs/ regulations 3.2-3.5 (p.34-35): Reducing the induction period.

Regulation 3.2 provides for the induction period to be reduced to a minimum of one term where **special circumstances apply**. This means that the induction period could also be incrementally reduced to a minimum of one term (i.e., 1.5 terms, 2 terms or 2.5 terms) as deemed appropriate.

Reducing the induction period must be agreed with HISP TSH Appropriate Body in advance so that relevant and appropriate Quality Assurance checks can be undertaken. HISP TSH Appropriate Body will not normally agree to any retrospective reduction of the induction period. A request to reduce the induction period can be made by completing the 'Request to reduce the Induction period of an ECT Form' which is available electronically on ECT Manager. This should be sent to Emma Gerrard (e.gerrard@hispmat.org). **Any request must be endorsed by the ECT.**

Section 6 - Roles and Responsibilities

This section summarises the roles and responsibilities of those involved in the induction process. Please visit our website to view a series of information videos about the roles and responsibilities of:

The ECT

The ECT is expected to:

- provide evidence that they have QTS and are eligible to start induction;
- meet with their induction tutor to discuss and agree priorities for their induction programme and keep these under review;
- agree with their induction tutor how best to use their reduced timetable allowance and guarantee engagement with their ECF-based induction programme;
- provide evidence of their progress against the Teachers' Standards;
- participate fully in the agreed monitoring and development programme;
- raise any concerns with their induction tutor as soon as practicable;
- consult their appropriate body named contact at an early stage if there are, or may be, difficulties in resolving issues with their tutor/within the institution;
- keep track of and participate effectively in the scheduled classroom observations, progress reviews and formal assessment meetings;
- agree with their induction tutor the start and end dates of the induction period/part periods and the dates of any absences from work during any period/part period; and
- retain copies of all assessment reports.

Headteachers and principles

The headteacher is, along with the appropriate body, jointly responsible for the monitoring, support and assessment of the ECT during induction, and is expected to:

- check that the ECT has been awarded QTS;

- clarify whether the teacher needs to serve an induction period or is exempt;
- agree, in advance of the ECT starting the induction programme, which body will act as the appropriate body;
- notify the appropriate body when an ECT is taking up a post in which they will be undertaking induction;
- ensure that the requirements for a suitable post for induction are met;
- ensure the induction tutor has the ability and sufficient time to carry out their role effectively;
- ensure that the mentor has the ability and sufficient time to carry out their role effectively;
- ensure an appropriate ECF-based induction programme is in place;
- ensure the ECT's progress is reviewed regularly, including through observations of and feedback on their teaching;
- ensure that assessments are carried out and reports completed and sent to the appropriate body;
- maintain and retain accurate records of employment that will count towards the induction period;
- ensure that all monitoring and record keeping is done in the most streamlined and least burdensome way;
- make the governing body aware of the arrangements that have been put in place to support ECTs serving induction;
- make a recommendation to the appropriate body on whether the ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards is satisfactory or requires an extension;
- participate appropriately in the appropriate body's quality assurance procedures; and
- retain all relevant documentation/evidence/forms on file for six years.

There may also be circumstances where the headteacher/principal is expected to:

- obtain interim assessments from the ECT's previous post;
- act early, alerting the appropriate body when necessary, in cases where an ECT may be at risk of not completing induction satisfactorily;
- ensure third-party observation of an ECT who may be at risk of not performing satisfactorily against the Teachers' Standards;
- notify the appropriate body as soon as absences total 30 days or more;
- periodically inform the governing body about the institution's induction arrangements;
- advise and agree with the appropriate body where, in exceptional cases, it may be appropriate to reduce the length of the induction period or deem that it has been satisfactorily completed;
- consult with the appropriate body in cases where a part-time ECT has completed a period covering, but not equivalent to, two school years and has met the necessary requirements to reduce induction;
- provide interim assessment reports for staff moving school in between formal assessment periods; and
- notify the appropriate body when an ECT serving induction leaves the institution.

In addition to the above, headteachers/principals of FE institutions, independent schools, academies and free schools and nursery schools should also ensure the ECT's post and responsibilities comply with the specific requirements for statutory induction in these settings.

Induction tutors

The Induction Tutor (or Headteacher if carrying out this role) is expected to:

- provide, or coordinate, guidance for the ECT's professional development (with the Appropriate Body where necessary);
- carry out regular progress reviews throughout the induction period;
- undertake two formal assessment meetings during the total induction period coordinating input from other colleagues as appropriate (normally one at the end of term three and one at the end of term six, or pro rata for part-time staff);
- carry out progress reviews in terms where a formal assessment does not occur;
- inform the ECT following progress review meetings of the determination of their progress against the Teachers' Standards and share progress review records with the ECT, headteacher and appropriate body;
- inform the ECT during the assessment meeting of the judgements to be recorded in the formal assessment record and invite the ECT to add their comments;
- ensure that the ECT's teaching is observed and feedback provided;
- ensure ECTs are aware of how, both within and outside the institution, they can raise any concerns about their induction programme or their personal progress;
- take prompt, appropriate action if an ECT appears to be having difficulties; and
- ensure that all monitoring and record keeping is done in the most streamlined and least burdensome way, and that requests for evidence from ECTs do not require new documentation but draw on existing working documents.

Mentors

The Mentor (or the Induction Tutor if carrying out this role) is expected to:

- regularly meet with the ECT for structured mentor sessions to provide effective targeted feedback;
- work collaboratively with the ECT and other colleagues involved in the ECT's induction within the same school to help ensure the ECT receives a high-quality ECF-based induction programme;
- provide, or broker, effective support, including phase of subject specific mentoring and coaching; and
- take prompt, appropriate action if an ECT appears to be having difficulties.

Appropriate bodies

The Appropriate Body has the main quality assurance role within the induction process. Through quality assurance, the Appropriate Body should assure itself that:

- Headteachers (and governing bodies where appropriate) are aware of and are capable of meeting their responsibilities for monitoring support and assessment. This includes checking that an ECT receives an ECF-based induction programme, designated induction tutor and mentor, and the reduced timetable; and
- the monitoring, support, assessment and guidance procedures in place are fair and appropriate.

The role of an appropriate body can only be performed by the body specified in regulations and must not be delegated. The appropriate body may work with partners who can support or facilitate the delivery of the

roles and responsibilities. The appropriate body itself must retain full responsibility for regulatory duties and powers including overseeing induction and decisions on passing induction.

The Appropriate Body should, on a regular basis, consult with Headteachers on the nature and extent of the quality assurance procedures it operates, or wishes to introduce. Institutions are required to work with the Appropriate Body to enable it to discharge its responsibilities effectively.

The appropriate body is expected to take steps to ensure that:

- headteachers have put in place an ECF-based induction programme for the ECT and that their programme of support is clearly based on the ECF;
- headteachers (and governing bodies where appropriate) are meeting their responsibilities in respect of providing a suitable post for induction;
- the monitoring, support, assessment and guidance procedures in place are fair and appropriate;
- where an ECT may be experiencing difficulties, action is taken to address areas of performance that require further development and support;
- where an institution is not fulfilling its responsibilities, contact is made with the institution to raise its concerns;
- induction tutors have the ability and sufficient time to carry out their role effectively;
- mentors have the ability and sufficient time to carry out their role effectively;
- headteachers are consulted on the nature and extent of the quality assurance procedures it operates, or wishes to introduce;
- any agreement entered into with either an FE institution or an independent school's governing body is upheld;
- the Headteacher has verified that the award of QTS has been made;
- the school is providing a reduced timetable in addition to PPA time;
- the ECT is provided with a named contact (or contacts) within the Appropriate Body with whom to raise concerns;
- FE institutions are supported in finding schools for ECTs to spend ten days teaching children of a compulsory school age in a school;
- ECTs' records and assessment reports are maintained;
- all monitoring and record keeping is done in the most streamlined and least burdensome way, and that requests for evidence from ECTs do not require new documentation but draw on existing working documents;
- agreement is reached with the ECT and the Headteacher is consulted where a reduced induction period may be appropriate or is deemed to be satisfactorily completed;
- agreement is reached with the ECT and the Headteacher is consulted in cases where a part-time ECT has completed a period covering, but not equivalent to, two years and has met the necessary requirements to reduce induction;
- a final decision is made on whether the ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards is satisfactory, or an extension is required, and the relevant parties are notified; and
- they provide the Teaching Regulation Agency with details of ECTs who have started; completed (satisfactorily or not); require an extension to; or left school partway through an induction period; together with details of the type of induction an ECT is accessing.

The appropriate body should also (as local capacity, resources and agreements allow):

- respond to requests from schools and colleges for guidance, support and assistance with ECTs' induction programmes;
- provide information to the Headteacher on the types of induction available; and
- respond to requests for assistance and advice with training for induction tutors and mentors.

The governing body

The governing body:

- should ensure compliance with the requirement to have regard to this guidance;
- should be satisfied that the institution has the capacity to support the ECT;
- should ensure the Headteacher is fulfilling their responsibility to meet the requirements of a suitable post for induction;
- must investigate concerns raised by an individual ECT as part of the institution's agreed grievance procedures;
- can seek guidance from the Appropriate Body on the quality of the institution's induction arrangements and the roles and responsibilities of staff involved in the process; and
- can request general reports on the progress of an ECT.

Teaching Regulation Agency

The Teaching Regulation Agency will carry out specific duties on behalf of the Secretary of State, including:

Statutory

- hearing appeals; and
- ensuring that the names of ECTs who have failed induction are included on the list of persons who have failed to satisfactorily complete an induction period.

Non-statutory

- recording the progress of ECTs through their induction process and providing details of teachers who have passed or failed induction to employers through the Employer Access Online service.

Section 7 – Induction Programme Documentation/ HISP TSH

Appropriate Body Paperwork

This section of the handbook describes the elements of the induction programme as well as including documents* that must be completed as a record of the induction programme.

*Please note that it is a requirement of registration with HISP TSH Appropriate Body that these documents are completed as a record of ECT Induction. Please **do not use** documents from other appropriate bodies or documents developed in-house.

This requirement is an important element of the statutory quality assurance responsibility of the appropriate body. All documentation can be found electronically on ECT Manager.

1. Meeting Documentation

ECT & Induction Tutor Meeting Notes Form

This meeting notes form is to be used to record the meetings that take place between the ECT and the induction tutor. The **ECT and induction tutor must meet formally a minimum of once each half-term** – these meetings are the core part of the induction programme. We recommend that the dates of these meetings for the whole year are agreed at the beginning of the induction period and recorded on the ECT & Induction Tutor Meeting Schedule.

ECT & Induction Tutor Meeting Schedule

All meetings should take place in an appropriate environment with sufficient time allocated to allow for professional dialogue. Guidance for the focus of each meeting between the ECT and induction tutor is given at the top of each meeting notes form. The ECT's induction tutor is responsible for completing the meeting notes form in the meeting. Any actions, linked to the ECT's areas of focus, should be clearly recorded including the initials of the person responsible for carrying out the action, and the date by which the action will be completed or reviewed. Both the induction tutor and the ECT must retain a copy of the meeting notes form for their records.

ECT & Mentor Meeting Notes Form (optional but recommended)

This optional meeting notes form can be used to record the meetings that take place between the ECT and their mentor. The **ECT and mentor must meet weekly in Year 1 of induction and fortnightly in Year 2 of induction**. We recommend that the dates of these meetings for the whole year are agreed at the beginning of the induction period and recorded on the ECT & Mentor Meeting Schedule.

ECT & Mentor Meeting Schedule

All meetings should take place in an appropriate environment with sufficient time allocated to allow for professional dialogue. Suggested points for discussion are given at the top of the form. We recommend (if using the form) that any actions, linked to the ECT's areas of focus, should be clearly recorded including the initials of the person responsible for carrying out the action, and the date by which the action will be completed or reviewed. If used, both the mentor and the ECT should retain a copy of the meeting notes form for their records.

2. Teachers' Standards Evidence Form

Teachers' Standards Evidence Form

The Teachers' Standards Evidence Form is a working electronic document that is completed by the ECT throughout their Induction Period as a record of how they are meeting the Teachers' Standards. It should be updated regularly by the ECT as evidence of their progress throughout the induction period. It will form a key piece of evidence, which the induction tutor will refer to when completing the progress reviews and formal assessment forms via ECT Manager. The ECT should make brief statements or bullet points underneath each standard with reference to where the evidence may be found. E.g., 'Formal Lesson Observation Form 03/12/23'.

HISP TSH Appropriate Body does not expect ECTs to put together a 'physical' folder of evidence against each of the Teachers' Standards. We are asking for evidence to be recorded via the Teachers' Standards Evidence Form. We expect for each of the Teachers' Standards, for ECTs to have:

- **x2 pieces of evidence by the end of Year 1:** x1 piece to show how they are **beginning** to meet each standard and x1 piece to show how they are **developing** their practice against each standard;
- **x1 further piece of evidence by the end of Year 2** to show how in their practice they are **embedding** each standard.

Teachers' Standards Evidence & Exemplification Guide

HISP TSH Appropriate Body has put together a document which details 'examples' and 'sources' for evidence for each of the Teachers' Standards. please note this is not an exhaustive list of examples and sources of evidence and it is not phase specific.

EXAMPLE Teachers' Standards Evidence Form

An exemplar completed Teachers' Standards Evidence Form can be found in the 'Resources' section on ECT Manager.

3. Lesson Observation Form

ECT Lesson Observation Form

The ECT Lesson Observation Form must be **used for all lesson observations**. The ECT must be observed teaching a minimum of once per half term, as follows, during their induction period:

Year 1

Term	ECT should be observed by:
Autumn Term 1	Mentor (informal)
Autumn Term 2	Induction Tutor or Headteacher (formal)
Spring Term 1	Mentor (informal)
Spring Term 2	Induction Tutor or Headteacher (formal)
Summer Term 1	Mentor (informal)
Summer Term 2	Induction Tutor or Headteacher (formal)

Year 2

Term	ECT should be observed by:
Autumn Term 1	Mentor (informal)
Autumn Term 2	Induction Tutor or Headteacher (formal)
Spring Term 1	Mentor (informal)
Spring Term 2	Induction Tutor or Headteacher (formal)
Summer Term 1	Mentor (informal)
Summer Term 2	Induction Tutor or Headteacher (formal)

Formal lesson observations should be full lesson observations. The focus of the lesson observation should be agreed in advance, and linked to the areas for development, referenced to the Teachers' Standards, that have been identified by the ECT and their Induction Tutor. Usually, lessons will be observed by either the mentor and/ or induction tutor, however it may be helpful for other people to also observe, e.g., the head of department. If the Induction Tutor is new to the role, an early joint observation with the Headteacher or member of the senior leadership team is recommended.

In every case the headteacher, or member of the senior leadership team, must observe the ECT teaching before the completion of their first Formal Assessment Form.

The HISP TSH ECT Lesson Observation Form must be completed by the person observing the lesson and used to provide feedback to the ECT afterwards. The ECT Lesson Observation Form has space to record the agreed focus, comments, strengths, and areas for development identified in the lesson observed. All of the Teachers' Standards are listed on the second page of the form. Please highlight those Standards to indicate strengths and areas for development, and ensure these Standards are referenced on the front page of the form. The ECT and induction tutor should both keep a copy of the completed form for all formal lesson observations.

4. Additional Support Plan

Additional Support Plan Template

Where the induction tutor and/ or headteacher determines, during a Progress Review or Formal Assessment, that the ECT is not making satisfactory progress against the Teachers' Standards, they are expected to notify HIPS TSH Appropriate Body of this determination and complete electronically the 'Additional Support Plan' template document. This should clearly outline the support plan to be put in place to assist the ECT in getting back on track. This should be shared electronically, via ECT Manager, with HISP TSH Appropriate Body for review. We advise 4-week support plans. An example additional support plan can be viewed on ECT Manager.

5. Progress Review Form

[HISP TSH ECT Manager](#)

HISP TSH uses ECT Manager to manage the completion and submission of all Progress Review Forms (PRF). The PRF is the statutory document, completed by the Induction Tutor, which is used to record progress at the end of Terms 1, 2, 4 & 5. The content of the PRF will be discussed by the ECT and Induction Tutor during their regular meetings and targets for the next term agreed.

It is the responsibility of the Induction Tutor and ECT to complete the PRF. When completing the PRF the Induction Tutor, or Headteacher, must base their decision and comments on evidence from:

- Meeting Notes forms
- Teachers' Standards Evidence Form
- ECT Lesson Observation forms
- Any other evidence provided e.g., lesson plans, assessment records, records of communication

The induction tutor, or headteacher, must comment on:

- Strengths*
- Areas Requiring Further Development*
- Evidence Used to Inform the Judgements
- Targets for the Coming Term*

****Referenced to the Teachers' Standards***

The induction tutor must indicate on the form:

- whether the ECT is on track to successfully complete induction, with brief reasons why;
- if the ECT is not on track, confirm they have been informed and that a support plan has been put in place;
- that the ECT has continued to access a programme of support based on the ECF and have received all of their statutory entitlements;
- whether the ECT is remaining at the school for the next assessment period.

Following the completion of the form by the induction tutor, the ECT will receive an email alert asking them to log in to ECT Manager. The ECT should read the report written by their induction tutor and then add their comments. The ECT then adds their digital signature to the form. The induction tutor will then receive an email alert asking them to add their digital signature to the assessment form.

In the case that the form indicates that the ECT is not on track, the appropriate body will be alerted immediately and will then make contact with the induction tutor to discuss the provision of an appropriate support plan for the ECT.

Deadlines for submission of termly progress reviews for full time ECTs starting 1 September 2023 are:

Year 1

Term 1 Progress Review Form: Friday 1st December 2023

Term 2 Progress Review Form: Friday 15th March 2024

Year 2

Term 4 Progress Review: Friday 6th December 2024

Term 5 Progress Review: Friday 21st March 2025

6. Formal Assessment Form

[HISP TSH ECT Manager](#)

HISP TSH uses ECT Manager to manage the completion and submission of all Formal Assessment Forms.

The Formal Assessment Form (FAF) is the statutory document, completed by the induction tutor, which is used to record progress at the end of Year 1 and, at the end of Year 2, to make the final recommendation about whether the ECT's performance against the Teachers' Standards is satisfactory.

It is the responsibility of the induction tutor, ECT and headteacher, to complete the FAF. When completing the FAF the induction tutor, or headteacher, must base their comments on evidence from:

- Meeting Notes forms
- Teachers' Standards Evidence Form
- ECT Lesson Observation Forms
- Progress Review Forms
- Any other evidence provided e.g., lesson plans, assessment records, records of communication

The induction tutor, or headteacher, must comment on:

- Strengths*
- Areas Requiring Further Development*
- Evidence Used to Inform the Judgements
- Targets for the Coming Term*

****Referenced to the Teachers' Standards***

Following the completion of the form by the induction tutor the ECT will receive an email alert asking them to log on to ECT Manager. The ECT should read the report written by their induction tutor and then add their comments. This is the ECT's opportunity to record their thoughts about their induction experience and we would like to read about their successes, any challenges they are facing, as well as the identification of any areas in which they might benefit from further development opportunities. The ECT then adds their digital signature to the IAF.

The induction tutor and headteacher will then receive email alerts asking them to add their digital signatures to the assessment form.

As soon as the ECT, induction tutor and Headteacher have all added their digital signatures to the assessment form, the appropriate body will receive an alert to confirm that the FAF is ready to review. This will then be reviewed and, presuming everything is in order, HISP TSH Appropriate Body will sign-off the form as reviewed. The ECT, induction tutor and headteacher will receive an email that will confirm the IAF has been reviewed. The appropriate body will then notify the TRA of the ECT's progress. If the form has not been completed satisfactorily, the form will be rejected and the school will be asked to make amendments and re-submit the form, within 5 working days.

The assessment form is held online but the ECT, induction tutor and headteacher can download PDF copies of the assessment forms at any time.

7. ECT Policy

HISP TSH Appropriate Body has put together a template ECT Policy, which can be adapted and branded to your specific school. Please email Emma Gerrard (e.gerrard@hispmat.org) if you would like an editable electronic copy for your school to use.