INTO advises any teacher from NI who is considering working in ROI to register with the Teaching Council and complete the vetting process in advance of applying for, or taking up employment in ROI to ensure that they can be paid appropriately for the work done. Backdating of registration to cover periods of non-registration or for payment purposes is not permitted under the law.
1. All teachers wishing to work in ROI must be registered with the Teaching Council in ROI in order to be paid. Teachers not registered with the Teaching Council can work in schools on a limited basis, for periods of up to 5 consecutive days at the unqualified rate.

2. All persons teaching must be vetted in advance of commencing employment.

3. Teachers registered with GTCNI are currently entitled to have their qualifications recognised in ROI. However, they must register with the Teaching Council to do so. This can only be done by submitting the relevant form, vetting application form and all of the required documentation to the Teaching Council. An application must include the initial registration fee of €90 and the appropriate qualification assessment fee. The process can take up to 12 weeks, but it may be shorter, especially for those primary teachers who have completed a comparable teacher education in NI and who provide all the necessary documents. There are separate routes to registration for primary and post primary teachers.

4. Teachers will be registered under the route most appropriate to their teacher education qualification e.g. 4-12 years for Primary and 12-18 years for Post-primary.

5. Primary teachers who have completed their teacher education outside of ROI will normally be registered conditionally, subject to completing the Irish Language Requirement (ILR). Teachers have three years to satisfy this condition. In the meantime they are entitled to be appointed to almost all posts in primary schools, and to be paid at the unqualified rate. Post-Primary teachers are not required to complete the ILR, but they may have to satisfy other conditions to be registered.

6. Where a teacher has not completed a recognised induction period, the Council will attach the conditions of Droichead or Probation and an Induction Workshop Programme to a teacher’s registration.

7. In ROI, there is a legal requirement for all persons working with children to be vetted by the National Vetting Bureau (NVB). The Teaching Council requires teachers to be vetted for registration and also acts as a conduit for vetting for registered teachers’ employment. The Council applies for vetting on behalf of teachers seeking registration and registered teachers only. Persons working as teachers but who are not registering or registered with the Council must seek a vetting disclosure via their employers.

8. Where the application is made to the NVB for a vetting disclosure by the Council, the disclosure is then provided to the teacher through Digitary for sharing with employers. Applications for vetting for teachers with NI addresses, or who have lived in NI may take an additional two or three weeks. The vetting process can be conducted alongside application for registration, but registration will not be completed until the vetting process has finished.

9. Teachers who wish to register with the Teaching Council will also be required to provide Police Clearance if they have lived outside of ROI or NI for more than an accumulated period of 36 months.

10. The Department of Education and Skills (DES) sets the appropriate rate of pay for posts. In order to be paid the qualified rate a teacher must be registered with the Council and working in a sector for which their registration is appropriate.