



## Suggested Key Changes in the Memorandum on Entry Requirements to Programmes of Initial Teacher Education in Scotland

- Section 1 Updated to reflect the legislation setting up the independent GTCS and aspects of its new role.
- Reference added to Equalities legislation.
- Section 2 Substantially updated and supplemented to reflect Teaching Scotland's Future and the revised Standards.
- Adds the requirement for applicants to have a Maths qualification at SCQF level 5 for all ITE programmes.
- Reiterates that topup credit remains at a maximum of 20 credit points.
- Section 3 Adds a note stressing that a candidate's Fitness to Teach (ie regarding conduct matters) will be considered upon application for Provisional Registration with the GTCS.
- Section 4(i) Clarification between 'combined' and 'concurrent' degrees given.
- Section 4(ii) In relation to the Scottish Government's Language Working Group report Language Learning in Scotland A 1+2 Approach, sets the requirement that applicants for undergraduate programmes for Primary must have a languages qualification at SCQF level 6 either on entry to the programme or have achieved one by the completion of the programme.
- Sets the same requirement for PGDE programmes.
- Signals the intention of the GTCS to consider making this a mandatory pre-entry requirement from a future date.
- Section 5(i) Clarification between 'combined' and 'concurrent' degrees given.
- Section 5(ii) Indicates that specific requirements for Art and Design, Drama and Religious Education are to be set. (See section 6)
- Adds a note indicating that, where appropriate, teachers will contribute to interdisciplinary learning.
- Signals the intention of the GTCS to explore with partners the introduction of teaching qualifications in Dance and Psychology from session 2015/16.
- Adds the requirement for applicants to have a Maths qualification at SCQF level 5 for all Secondary ITE programmes.
- Section 6 Information added regarding Art and Design, Drama and Religious Education.
- For Modern Foreign Languages stresses the requirement that universities check that residency periods have been met before admission to ITE programmes.

Appendix A Updated information on university contact details.

University of the Highlands and Island added.

Table showing ITE programmes by university updated.

Appendix B Updated.

Appendix C Updated to reflect new National Qualifications,

Appendix D Clarifies that National 5 Lifeskills Maths is an acceptable qualification to meet Maths requirements.