ECT Induction and Registration - A Guide for Independent Schools

Overview

Early Career Teachers (ECTs) are teachers in their first two years of teaching following Initial Teacher Training. All ECTs must complete statutory induction during this period, which includes:

- A structured programme of support and professional development
- Regular mentoring and coaching
- Registration with an appropriate body and formal assessment against the Teachers' Standards (formal induction)

This document outlines the costs and processes for independent schools registering ECTs and mentors through Five Counties Teaching School Hub Alliance.

ECT and Mentor Training Programme Costs

In addition to appropriate body registration, schools must ensure their ECTs and mentors complete the statutory ITT / Early Career Framework training. Five Counties works with Ambition Institute to deliver these programmes. For more information about these programmes, please visit our website.

ECT Programme

- **£1,600 per ECT for the full two-year programme**
- This comprehensive programme provides structured professional development aligned to the ITT / Early Career Framework across both years of induction.

Mentor Programme

- **£1,000 per mentor for the one-year programme**
- **Important note:** Previously trained mentors do not need to be registered again. The mentor programme was previously two years in duration and will remain two years for anyone registered before 2025.

All costs are invoiced directly by Ambition Institute, not by Five Counties Teaching School Hub Alliance.

Appropriate Body Service

What is an Appropriate Body?

All ECTs must be registered with an appropriate body for their statutory induction. The appropriate body provides quality assurance, monitors progress and makes the final decision on whether an ECT has met the Teachers' Standards at the end of their induction period.

Cost

£250.00 per ECT per year

This charge covers:

- Registration with the DfE and quality assurance of the induction programme
- Access to support and guidance throughout the two-year period
- Progress reviews and assessment recommendations

Section 41 Approved Schools: Free ECF Training

Independent schools that are Section 41 approved are eligible for government-funded ECT and mentor programmes at no cost to the school.

What is Section 41 Approval?

Section 41 approval means your school is approved by the Secretary of State for Education to admit children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). Schools with this approval are eligible for DfE funding for ECT's training.

How to Check Your School's Status

Visit the Get Information About Schools (GIAS) website:

https://www.get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/Search

1. Search for your school
2. Look for 'Section 41 approved' in the school details
3. If approved, you are eligible for free ECT training programmes

Note: Even if your school is Section 41 approved, you will still need to pay the appropriate body fees

Registration Process and Timeline

To register an ECT with Five Counties Teaching School Hub Alliance, you will need to:

1. Register your ECT with the appropriate body *(before they start teaching)*
2. Enrol your ECT and if required, register mentors in the Ambition Institute programme – please complete our form and we will be in touch with some next steps.

Contact Information and Further Support

For questions about appropriate body registration or induction requirements:
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For all other enquiries: info@fivecountiesalliance.co.uk

Important Note: *The costs provided in this document are subject to change. Please check our website or contact us directly for the most current pricing information.*