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RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVAL OF QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE GENERAL TEACHING COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND (GTCNI).

Target Audience:

- Education and Library Boards
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools
- Principals and Boards of Governors of all grant-aided schools
- Initial Teacher Education Institutions
- Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education
- Comhairle Na Gaelscolaíochta
- Governing Bodies Association
- Teacher Unions

Summary of Contents:

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FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE GTCNI**

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The purpose of this circular is to inform all relevant parties that, under Article 35 of the Education (NI) Order 2006, the Department of Education is transferring the responsibility for approving qualifications to the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (GTCNI). In approving qualifications for the purposes of registration, the Council will also approve qualifications for the purposes of eligibility to teach.
- 2 The GTCNI is a self-regulatory professional body for teachers, which has a statutory duty to determine who should be a member of the teaching profession in Northern Ireland.
- 3 This transfer of responsibility will take effect from Friday, 19 October.
- 4 From that date all teachers who wish to have their qualifications approved for the purposes of registration with the Council and eligibility to teach, must forward applications (together with relevant supporting documentation) to the GTCNI, 4th Floor Albany House, 73 - 75 Great Victoria Street, Belfast, BT2 7AF
- 5 Any queries regarding the content of this circular should be referred to Teachers' Pensions, Pay & Administration Branch. Any queries regarding qualifications should be referred to the GTCNI at the address above, or alternatively telephone: (028) 9033 3390 or email: info@gtcni.org.uk

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