

Answers to questions Nichola Brown at NCVYS has asked LLUK's Information & Advice Team 18/07/08 via email:

Q1: I thought that the teaching qualification requirements only applied to LSC funded providers yet LLUK states:

"The statutory instrument only applies to provision that is publicly funded (principally by the LSC) and to staff who are employed on a contract that specifies that their role is that of a teacher, trainer or tutor". **What if a training provider receives local authority funding?**

A: This depends on where the Local Education Authority (LEAs) obtained its funding. Many LEAs obtain funding via the LSC, especially where this involves a skills for life subject. If so, the 2007 regulations apply. If not, it will depend on the LEA policy about qualifications; many require the trainers and tutors they employ to obtain a recognised qualification.

Q2: The LSC is set to close by 2010, does that mean that the bodies that take over funding learning i.e. local authorities (14-19 learning) and the new Skills Funding Agency (for adults) will insist that the requirements have to be adhered to?

A: Yes

Q3: What funding is available to both LSC funded and non-LSC funded training providers in the third sector to help fund the new teaching qualification requirements?.

A: If you are asking about what funding providers of courses can get, the LSC funds teacher training courses- often in FE colleges. If you are asking about help individuals can get, I'm attaching our information sheet which describes the financial support that is available (in packs).

You might be asking about the funding that employers (who are LSC funded) can draw down to pay for releasing employees for staff development. If the employer is LSC-funded, this funding includes an element that covers CPD for staff. If the employer is not LSC-funded, they must fund CPD from their own budgets.

Q4: A case study I received recently and said I would ask at the information session: "I work with homeless young people one to one and teach them life skills e.g. budgeting, health, cooking. What teaching qualifications should I hold?". Our sector delivers both formal and informal learning!

A: This depends on where this one-to-one work with homeless people takes place. If it occurs within LSC-funded provision, the 2007 regulations apply. If it does not, this person would be well advised to take the PTLLS: they might wish eventually- if their role expanded – to do the DTLLS.

Question clarified at the 23/07/08 information session held at NCVYS:

A trainer and tutor who has been working in a training/teaching capacity within the third sector before 1st September 2007, does not have to undertake the new teaching qualifications. (the 2001 rules only apply to the FE sector). In addition this rule only applies if you obtain LSC funding (check with the local authority if you receive funding from them – see question 1).