



Department  
for Education

## Privacy Notice for the International Qualified Teacher Status (iQTS) Pilot

The tested subjects were the 5 most widely-taught in Europe: biology, chemistry, physics history and geography. Each jurisdiction tested their pupils in 2 of these subjects. In England, these were chemistry and physics.

### Who we are

This work is being carried out by the international qualified teacher status (iQTS) team which is a part of the Department for Education (DfE) in partnership with the following Initial Teacher Training (ITT) providers:

- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Sheffield Hallam University
- University of Birmingham
- University of Derby
- University of Warwick
- University of Sunderland

For the purpose of data protection legislation, the DfE is a joint data controller for the personal data you have shared with your iQTS provider

- as an iQTS candidate or trainee
- an employee of the iQTS provider in England or overseas or
- as a member of a school who has a trainee teacher undertaking the iQTS qualification.

### How we will use your information

We receive your personal data from your iQTS provider.

The aim for this project is to deliver teacher training internationally, award iQTS to those who successfully complete a course and monitor the quality of iQTS delivery. We will also conduct user research (UR) to evaluate the user journey for everyone involved and to test and iterate our guidance.

For iQTS trainees, your personal data will be used by the DfE to build and maintain a permanent central record of teachers who hold iQTS. This will allow the DfE to award you QTS if you apply for it. This will be used to enable employers (schools) to undertake employment checks and to support the safeguarding of children. This data will also enable us to monitor the success and uptake of the iQTS.

For the purposes of user research we will hold your data and use it to contact you to ask if you would be willing to take part in user research on your experiences of undertaking iQTS. If you are, we will ask you to complete a consent form confirming this. If you do not wish to take part in the research, we will not contact you for this purpose.

## **The nature of your personal data we will be using**

The categories of your personal data that we will be using for recording the outcome of your iQTS course if you are an iQTS trainee are:

- your full name
- gender
- email address country of birth
- country of residence
- first language
- ethnicity
- disability
- language you are teaching in
- years of experience as a teacher
- reason for wanting to undertake iQTS
- level of qualifications held

The categories of your personal data that we will be using for this project for the purposes of user research if you are an iQTS candidate or trainee, an employee of the iQTS provider (in the UK or overseas), a member of the school with an iQTS trainee are:

- your name
- your email address
- the iQTS pilot provider you are associated with
- your role, i.e., iQTS trainee, employed by an iQTS provider in England or overseas / school leader / iQTS mentor

## **Why our use of your personal data is lawful**

In order for our use of your personal data to be lawful, we need to meet one (or more) conditions in the data protection legislation. For the purpose of this project, the relevant condition is:

- Article 6(1)(e) UK GDPR, to perform a public task as part of DfE function as a department. For the processing of personal data with the ITT community
- Article 6(1)(a) that you have given your consent, for the ITTs to collect your personal data and share with DfE.
- Article 9(2)a explicit consent that you have given your consent, for the ITTs to collect your personal data and share with DfE.
- Article 9(2)g Substantial Public Interest as part of DfE function as a department. For the processing of personal data with the ITT community.

## **Who we will make your personal data available to**

We sometimes need to make personal data available to other organisations. These might include contracted partners (who we have employed to process your personal data on our

behalf) and/or other organisations (with whom we need to share your personal data for specific purposes).

Where we need to share your personal data with others, we ensure that this data sharing complies with data protection legislation. For the purpose of this project:

- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Sheffield Hallam University
- University of Birmingham
- University of Derby
- University of Warwick
- University of Sunderland

## How long we will keep your personal data

The Department for Education will keep the personal data of successful iQTS students for 45 years as this qualification can be recognised within England as QTS status.

For user research purposes we will keep your data for no more than 2 years.

Please refer to your iQTS provider's website to how long they will keep your personal data.

## Your data protection rights

More information about [how the DfE handles personal information](#) is available.

Under the Data Protection Act 2018, you are entitled to ask if we hold information relating to you and ask for a copy, by making a 'subject access request'.

For further information and how to request your data, please use the [contact form](#) in the [Personal Information Charter](#), under the 'How to find out what personal information we hold about you' section.

If you need to contact us regarding any of the above, please do so via the [DfE contact form](#).

Further information about your data protection rights appears on the [Information Commissioner's website](#).

## Withdrawal of consent and the right to lodge a complaint

Where we are processing your personal data with your consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent. If you change your mind, or you are unhappy with our use of your personal data, please let us know by contacting us via our [contact form](#) stating the name of this project.

Alternatively, you have the right to raise any concerns with the [Information Commissioner's Office \(ICO\)](#).

## Last updated

We may need to update this privacy notice periodically so we recommend that you revisit this information from time to time. This version was last updated on 18 April 2023.

## Contact Info:

If you have any questions about how your personal information will be used, please contact us via the [DfE contact form](#) and enter iQTS Pilot as a reference. For the Data Protection Officer (DPO) please contact us via the [DfE contact form](#) and mark it for the attention of the 'DPO'.

© Crown copyright 2023