

# Recognition of Prior Certified Learning Chartered Status

## Key information for candidates

- Chartered Teacher pathway
- Chartered Teacher (Mentor) pathway
- Chartered Teacher (Leadership) pathway

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## Overview

Achievement of Chartered Teacher Status requires candidates to undertake an introductory unit, successfully complete four units of assessment and a formal application. Some of these units consist of a single assessment, while others, such as the examinations, contain multiple assessments.

Recognition of Prior Certified Learning (RPCL) provides a means by which candidates may use previous relevant qualifications as credit towards achieving Chartered Teacher Status. Candidates may be exempted from part or all of one or more of the assessment units that must be completed to achieve the 100 chartership credits required to receive Chartered Teacher Status, up to a maximum of 30 chartership credits in total. These qualifications will typically have to have been completed no more than three years prior to candidates registering to start their Chartered Status journey.

RPCL can only be awarded for a maximum of 30 credits towards Chartered Status. If candidates have completed multiple qualifications that are listed as offering automatic RPCL towards different assessment units, they should choose which assessment unit they wish to be exempt from and request RPCL for the relevant qualification related to that assessment unit.

RPCL is only possible for learning which:

- can be evidenced and includes a formal, summative assessment element, typically where a certificate or other qualification has been awarded;
- has been completed no more than three years prior to when the candidate registers for Chartered Status (this principle ensures the currency of the prior learning for which recognition is being sought);
- is listed on the Chartered College of Teaching website as a qualification for which RPCL is offered.

We are not able to award Recognition of Prior Certificated Learning for any qualifications outside of those listed in this document or on our website

## How to apply for Recognition of Prior Certificated Learning

Candidates who wish to utilise qualifications and other professional learning as credit toward Chartered Status assessments, will need to do the following;

1. Check that their qualification and/or professional learning is recognised for exemption by the Chartered College of Teaching (see p5-10);
2. Be a full member of the Chartered College of Teaching and registered as a Candidate for the Chartered Status pathway that is relevant for your role and responsibilities;
3. Email the Accreditation team at [charteredteacher@chartered.college](mailto:charteredteacher@chartered.college) with details of the desired assessment(s) they would like exemption from and evidence to back up their claim. Evidence should include a formal certificate and where appropriate a transcript/statement.

Upon receipt of a request and suitable evidence, the Chartered College Accreditation Team will review the information provided and notify the candidate of the outcome of their request/next steps. The Chartered College of Teaching reserves the right to decline a request if any information is found to have been falsely supplied or alternatively request further information on a qualification, if initial information provided does not allow us to make a decision.

Upon successful application for RPCL;

- Candidate is notified of the outcome via email;
- Candidate record is updated to reflect exemption;
- RPCL remains valid for the duration of registration as a Chartered Status Candidate.

N.B. The Chartered College of Teaching reserves the right to change or amend this document at any time.

A full list of qualifications and professional learning for which automatic RPCL can be given is shown below.

## List of qualifications for which RPCL applies

Recognised qualification or learning	Applicable Pathway	Applicable assessment / credits available	Conditions
Mentoring on Early Career Framework	Chartered Teacher Chartered Teacher (Mentor)	OSTE examination (10 credits)  Candidates may gain exemption from the OSTE Examination. The OSTE is one of the three examinations within the Professional Knowledge Award.	Candidates must have a minimum of one year of early career framework mentoring experience, which must be confirmed formally by their Headteacher.  Candidates are required to purchase the Professional Knowledge Award and complete the other two examinations in this unit (unless eligible to receive RPCL).
Completion of Early Career Framework (ECF)	Chartered Teacher	MCQ Examination (10 Credits)  Candidates may gain exemption from the MCQ Examination (10 Credits). The MCQ is one of the three examinations within the Professional Knowledge Award.	Candidates must have been awarded their qualification within the last 3 years.  Candidates are required to purchase and complete the other two examinations in this unit (unless eligible to receive RPCL).
School Led Tutoring Training (National Tutoring Programme)	Chartered Teacher Chartered Teacher (Mentor) Chartered Teacher (Leadership)		

National Award for SEN Coordination (NASENCo)	Chartered Teacher	<p>Written Examination (10 Credits)</p> <p>Candidates may gain exemption from the Written Examination (10 Credits). The Written Examination is one of the three examinations within the Professional Knowledge Award.</p>	
Masters or Doctorate in area of subject specialism	Chartered Teacher	<p>Written Examination (10 Credits)</p> <p>Candidates may gain exemption from the Written Examination (10 Credits). The Written Examination is one of the three examinations within the Professional Knowledge Award.</p>	<p>Candidates are required to purchase the Professional Knowledge Award and complete the other two examinations in this unit (MCQ &amp; OSTE)</p> <p>Candidates must have been awarded their Masters/Doctorate from a UK or Irish University/HEI within the last 5 years.</p>
Masters or Doctorate in Education	Chartered Teacher Chartered Teacher (Mentor)	<p>Education Research and Inquiry Certificate (20 Credits).</p> <p>Candidates may gain exemption from the Education Research and Inquiry Certificate (20 Credits).</p>	
Masters or Doctorate in Education (Mentoring)	Chartered Teacher (Mentor)	<p>Written Examination (10 Credits)</p> <p>Candidates may gain exemption from the Written Examination (Mentor) (10 Credits). The Written Examination is one of the three examinations within the Professional Knowledge Award (Mentor).</p>	

Masters or Doctorate in Education Leadership	Chartered Teacher (Leadership)	<p>Education Research and Inquiry Certificate (Leadership) (20 Credits).</p> <p>Candidates may gain exemption from the Education Research and Inquiry Certificate (Leadership) (20 Credits).</p>	
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#### National Professional Qualifications (NPQ)

Recognised qualification or learning	Applicable Pathway	Applicable Assessment Unit / Credits available	Conditions
<p>Former NPQs: Middle Leader</p> <p><i>(may have been awarded up until 2022)</i></p>	Chartered Teacher	<p>Written Examinations (10 Credits)</p> <p>Candidates may gain exemption from the Written Examination. The Written Examination is one of the three examinations within the Professional Knowledge Award.</p>	<p>Candidates must have been awarded their NPQ within the last 3 years.</p> <p>Candidates are required to purchase the Professional Knowledge Award and complete the other two examinations in this unit (unless eligible to receive RPCL).</p>

<p>NPQs</p> <p>NPQ: Leading Teacher Development</p> <p><i>(awarded 2022 onwards)</i></p>	<p>Chartered Teacher (Mentor)</p> <p>Chartered Teacher (Leadership)</p>	<p>Education Research and Inquiry Certificate (20 Credits)</p> <p>Candidates may gain exemption from the Education Research and Inquiry Certificate (20 Credits) or up to 20 credits towards any other unit of their choice.</p>	<p>Candidates must have been awarded their NPQ within the last 3 years.</p>
<p>NPQs:</p> <p>NPQ: Leading Teacher Development</p> <p>NPQ: Leading Teaching</p> <p>NPQ: Leading Behaviour and Culture</p> <p>NPQ: Senior Leadership</p> <p>NPQ: Headship</p> <p>NPQ: Executive Headship</p> <p>NPQ: Executive Leadership</p> <p><i>(awarded 2022 onwards)</i></p>	<p>Chartered Teacher (Leadership)</p>	<p>Education Research and Inquiry Certificate (Leadership) (20 Credits)</p> <p>Candidates may gain exemption from the Education Research and Inquiry Certificate (Leadership) (20 Credits) or up to 20 credits towards any other Leadership unit of their choice.</p>	
<p>NPQs:</p> <p>Early Years Leadership</p> <p>Leading Literacy</p> <p><i>(awarded 2022 onwards)</i></p>	<p>Chartered Teacher</p> <p>Chartered Teacher (Leadership)</p>	<p>Depending on the candidates role, they may be able to receive:</p> <p>10 credits towards Written Examination which is one of the three examinations within the Professional Knowledge Award on Chartered Teacher Pathway.</p>	



		<p>Or</p> <p>20 Credits towards any assessment unit on the Chartered Teacher (Leadership) pathway.</p> <p>Please get in touch with the accreditation team to discuss.</p>	
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#### Other Chartered Teacher routes

Qualification	Conversion Pathway	Assessment Unit / Credit	Conditions
Chartered Teacher Specialist (e.g. Chartered London Teacher, CGeog (Teacher), CSciTeach, CMathTeach, CTE, CTHist)	Chartered Teacher	Up to 50 Credits. Conversion to Chartered Teacher Status requires candidates to register and complete the Certificate in Evidence-Informed Practice plus one further assessment unit and formal application for Chartered Status	Not time-bound

Chartered Teacher Specialist (e.g. Chartered London Teacher, CGeog (Teacher), CSciTeach, CMathTeach, CTE, CTHist)	Chartered Teacher (Mentor)	Up to 40 Credits. Conversion to Chartered Teacher (Mentor) Status requires candidates to register and to complete the Certificate in Evidence-Informed Practice plus the Written Examination (Mentor), Mentoring Development Certificate, and formal application for Chartered Status (Mentor).	Not time-bound
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### Other Qualifications

Qualification	Applicable Pathway	Assessment Unit / Credit	Conditions
Associate Status in CPD Leadership (Teacher Development Trust)	Chartered Teacher (Leadership)	Certificate in Strategic CPD Leadership (20 Credits) Candidates may gain exemption from the Certificate in Strategic CPD Leadership (20 Credits).	Candidates must have been awarded their Associate Status in CPD Leadership by Teacher Development Trust within the last 3 years.
Assessment Lead Programme (Evidence Based Education)	Chartered Teacher Chartered Teacher (Mentor) Chartered Teacher (Leadership)	MCQ Examination (10 Credits) Candidates may gain exemption from the MCQ Examination (10 Credits). The MCQ is one of the three examinations within the Professional Knowledge Award.	Candidates must have completed the Assessment Lead Programme with Evidence Based Education.  Candidates are required to purchase the Professional Knowledge Award and complete the other two examinations in this unit

			(unless eligible to receive RPCL).
Embedding Formative Assessment Programme (Schools, Students and Teachers Network)	Chartered Teacher	<p>Expertise in Teaching Certificate (20 credits)</p> <p>Candidates may gain exemption from the Expertise in Teaching Certificate (20 credits) or the Development of Teaching Practice Award or (20 Credits).</p>	Candidates must have completed the Embedding Formative Assessment Programme (Schools, Students and Teacher Network) within the last 3 years.
Safe and Effective Use of AI in Education Certification	<p>Chartered Teacher</p> <p>Chartered Teacher (Mentor)</p> <p>Chartered Teacher (Leadership)</p>	<p>MCQ Examination (5 Credits)</p> <p>Candidates who have achieved the Chartered College of Teaching's Safe and Effective Use of AI in Education Certification can apply to use 5 credits towards the MCQ examination.</p> <p>The MCQ is one of the three examinations within the Professional Knowledge Award.</p> <p>The MCQ is worth 10 credits in total and is split into 2 parts, each worth 5 credits. To gain the full 10 credits for the MCQ examination, candidates must purchase the Professional Knowledge Award and complete the remaining 5 credits MCQ examination.</p> <p>Candidates are also required to complete the two other examinations that form part of the Professional Knowledge Award: the OSTE and the Written Examination.</p>	<p>As this certification is awarded by the Chartered College of Teaching, these 5 credits can be applied even if you have already reached the 30-credit limit for RPCL.</p> <p>Candidates must have been awarded their qualification within the last 3 years.</p>

Please note that we are not currently taking applications from individuals for any certifications that fall outside of those we have listed. We will update our list of qualifications that are recognised for RPCL as and where relevant. If candidates have completed a relevant qualification that includes a formal assessment element and which is not currently recognised, they may wish to ask the qualification provider to contact us to discuss RPCL.

## Forms of evidence for RPCL applications

Qualification	Evidence Accepted
Early Career Framework Completion	Induction Certificate or email confirmation from Headteacher (Confirm provider and dates)
Early Career Framework Mentoring	Email confirmation from Headteacher or senior leader with delegated responsibility from the headteacher.
School Led Tutor Training	Certificate
National Award for SEN Coordination (NASENCo)	Certificate
Chartered Teacher Specialist	Accreditation Certificate
TDT Associate Leadership Status	Certificate
EBE Assessment Lead Programme	Certificate
Masters or Doctorate in Education, Educational Leadership	Degree Certificate and Transcript
NPQ (New and Reformed)	Certificate (Transcript upon request)
NPQ (Old)	Certificate (Transcript upon request)

N.B All evidence should clearly state the candidates name, the qualification/professional learning, awarding body (if applicable) and date achieved.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

Q. What forms of evidence are currently being accepted for a RPCL request?

A formal certificate which states your name, qualification, awarding body and date. If you are providing evidence for mentoring within the Early Career Framework (e.g. ECF Mentoring) then you will be able to submit a letter/email confirmation from the headteacher or senior leader with delegated responsibility from the headteacher.

Q. What qualifications are currently being accepted for RPCL?

You can find a list of all of the qualifications currently accepted for RPCL on pages 5-11 of this document

Q. I have purchased the assessment unit my qualification provides exemption for, can I get a refund?

Unfortunately we are unable to retrospectively approve exemption if you have already purchased an assessment unit. We are also unable to provide refunds.

Q. I have purchased a full chartered bundle but now have RPCL, can I get a refund?

Unfortunately we are unable to retrospectively approve exemption if you have already purchased an assessment unit or full chartered bundle. We are also unable to provide refunds.

Q. I have completed a masters/doctorate more than 5 years ago, can I not apply for RPCL?

You need to be awarded your Masters/Doctorates qualification from a UK or Irish University within the last five years. All of our other currently recognised qualifications for prior certificated learning need to have been awarded in the last three years.

Q. I have completed my qualification longer than the time stated in the conditions, can I not apply for RPCL?

Unfortunately we are not able to accept qualifications that were awarded beyond the timeframes stated in the table above.

**Q. If I receive RPCL for 5 credits towards the MCQ exam, do I need to take an exam?**

Yes. The MCQ is worth 10 credits and is split into two parts, each worth 5 chartered credits. To gain the remaining 5 chartered credits and pass this exam, you are still required to complete part 2 of the MCQ to demonstrate your knowledge in the remaining areas.

**Q. If I receive RPCL for an examination in the Professional Knowledge Award, will I receive a discount?**

For candidates who are exempt from either a MCQ (10 credits), Written (10 credits) or OSTE Examination (10 credits) in the Professional Knowledge Award, they will receive a £29 discount voucher from the total course cost. Candidates should not purchase the unit until RPCL has been confirmed by us.

**Q: I have been awarded my qualification but have not yet received my formal certificate from my qualification provider, can I apply for RPCL?**

Candidates will need to provide a copy of their formal certificate from their provider/awarding body for review in order to be awarded RPCL. You are welcome to contact us as soon as you receive your formal certificate so we can continue to process your application.

**Q. Does Chartered Status provide postgraduate level credits?**

As Chartered Status is a professional accreditation rather than a qualification, candidates would need to contact individual universities to enquire as to whether or not the assessment units would be recognised as credit towards a postgraduate qualification.