



## Glossary of Terms

**Teacher** - The term teacher is used generically to represent teachers, tutors, trainers, lecturers, practitioners, facilitators and instructors in the Further Education sector.

**Full teacher and Associate teacher** - LLUK guidance on role descriptions can be found at [http://www.lluk.org/documents/ai\\_guidance\\_aug07\\_version2.pdf](http://www.lluk.org/documents/ai_guidance_aug07_version2.pdf)

**Lifelong learning** – With regards to the reforms, this covers the teacher workforce in further education, adult and community learning/ personal and community development and learning, offender learning and work based learning. Other terms for the sector in England include learning and skills sector and FE sector.

**Qualification titles: Award, Certificate, Diploma** – These are qualification titles that must be adopted for awards accredited by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA). Higher Education Institutions can name their own qualifications, but are encouraged to adopt similar terminology, to enable trainee teachers and employers to identify appropriate qualifications, which are:

- PTLLS - Preparing to teach in the lifelong learning sector (previously referred to as a passport or an initial award)
- CTLLS – Certificate in teaching in the lifelong learning sector
- DTLLS – Diploma in teaching in the lifelong learning sector

**FE sector** – this term is used to include the wide range of organisations that make up the learning and skills or lifelong learning sector in England. It includes the staff and governing bodies working in these organisations. Collectively the system which includes other organisations supporting delivery of FE (e.g. LSC, LLUK) provides opportunities for individuals from the age of 14 upwards to participate in programmes of learning, training and skills development and for learners of all ages to participate in a range of activities, including educational or vocational courses.

**Microteaching** – the use of a training class of fellow trainee teachers for the purpose of assessment of teaching practice.

**Legacy Qualifications** – Initial Teacher Training Qualifications preceding those that come into effect in September 2007



## Acronyms

- AB** – Awarding body
- AI** – Awarding institution (any institution that can award a qualification, including National Awarding Bodies and Higher Education Institutions)
- ACL** – Adult and community learning
- AP(E)L** – Accreditation of prior (experiential) learning
- ATLS** – Associate Teacher Learning and Skills
- CAT** – Credit accumulation and transfer
- Cert Ed** - Certificate in Education
- CPD** – Continuing professional development
- DIUS** – Department for Innovation Universities and Skills - formerly DfES
- FE** – Further education
- GLH** – Guided learning hours
- HE** – Higher education
- HEI** – Higher education institution
- ILP** – Individual learning plan
- ITT** – Initial Teacher Training
- IfL** – Institute for Learning
- LLUK** – Lifelong Learning UK
- NLH** - Notional learning hours
- PGCE** – Post Graduate Certificate of Education or Professional Graduate Certificate of Education
- QAA** – Quality Assurance Agency (for Higher Education)
- QCA** – Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
- QCF** – Qualification and Credit Framework
- QTLS** – Qualified Teacher, Learning and Skills (- the term which describes the status of those who are licensed to practise as a teacher in the sector)
- PCDL** – Personal and community development and learning (an alternative term for ACL)
- WBL** – Work based learning