



## School Direct (Early Years) – 2015 recruitment

### Notification of tender launch

#### Content

The National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL) is launching the tender for School Direct (Early Years) allocation of places to lead organisations for 2015 recruitment. **The tender opens at 09:00 on 3 November 2014.**

School Direct (Early Years) is a new delivery method for Early Years initial teacher training (ITT) introduced in 2014. The government's ambition to improve the status and quality of the early education and childcare workforce is set out in *More Great Childcare (Jan 2013)*, and includes the introduction of Early Years Teachers. Early Years Teachers are specialists in early childhood development, trained to deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage for children from birth to age 5.

Early Years initial teacher training (ITT) leads to the award of Early Years Teacher Status. This is seen as equivalent to QTS as the entry requirements to Early Years ITT are the same as those for entry to primary teacher training, including the completion of the literacy and numeracy professional skills tests.

#### **School Direct (Early Years) will therefore lead to the award of Early Years Teacher Status.**

This delivery method will give schools and nurseries the opportunity to recruit and select trainees and engage in the design and delivery of Early Years ITT programmes with accredited ITT training providers.

All training is fully funded and bursaries will be available to eligible trainees.

The requirement to submit a tender must demonstrate the criteria in the invitation to tender and include evidence of the following:

- Birth to 5 teaching experience

Signed Partnership Agreement for delivery with an [accredited ITT provider](#)

- who has been allocated places for the Graduate Entry Early Years ITT route leading to the award of Early Years Teacher Status for September 2015
- or you are a School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) offering Early Years ITT leading to the award of EYTS for September 2015
- Ability to offer placements throughout the birth to 5 age range and at Key Stage 1
- Delivery plan showing how the programme will enable trainees to meet the [Teachers' Standards \(Early Years\)](#)
- How the lead school/nursery will manage the programme from recruitment of suitable trainees through to expectation of employment at the end of training.
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If your school/nursery already meets the evidence required above or you are able to do so by the closing date of 09:00 Monday 1 December 2014, please read on for further information about

registration to our procurement system, which will contain full details of the specification and other supporting information. This is followed by an invitation to join an on line telephone information event to learn more about School Direct (Early Years).

## 1. Registering on REDIMO (Procurement system)

REDIMO is NCTL's e-procurement system, used for contracting for most works, goods and services that are awarded following an electronic competitive tendering process. Registration allows organisations both to gain membership to the Operational Associates (OA) Framework and e-tender for procurement other opportunities with NCTL.

Please refer to our website which has further information.

Registering on Redimo: <http://www.education.gov.uk/nationalcollege/index/about-us/working-with-the-national-college/supplying/supplying-redimo.htm>

Please email our helpdesk [commercial.admin@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:commercial.admin@education.gsi.gov.uk) if you have any queries with registering your details on REDIMO.

## 2. Invitation to join our on line WebEx. (Information event)

We would like to invite you to join us in an online conference call (WebEx) where we will explain more about School Direct (Early Years) and also share some best practice surrounding marketing materials to help the "route to market".

The WebEx will take place on **Thursday 13 November 2014 at 14:00 hours**. It will last for no more than 1.5 hours. Please follow the simple directions below on how to join the Webex now and book your place in advance.

**Topic: School Direct (Early Years) – 2015 Recruitment WebEx**

Date and Time: Thursday, 13 November 2014 14:00 hours

Event address for registration: (no password required)

<https://nationalcollege.webex.com/nationalcollege/onstage/g.php?d=165167679&t=a>

Press the **Register** button in the centre of the page.

Once registered you will receive an e-mail setting out how to access the online meeting using WebEx.