

## **PPD funded continuers**

The Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA) has confirmed that it will fund teachers who are continuing on a postgraduate professional development (PPD) programme in academic year (AY) 2011/12 and AY2012/13. Teachers must meet, and continue to meet, the eligibility criteria set out in the guidance below.

### **Teacher eligibility**

To be counted as a PPD funded continuer the teacher must have engaged with an eligible PPD subsidised programme between 1 August 2009 and 31 July 2011.

### **PPD programme eligibility**

To be eligible for continuer funding, the teacher must be engaged with a programme leading to either a diploma (120 credits) or a masters (180 credits). Programmes that lead only to a certificate (60 credits) or less cannot attract PPD continuer funding. Credits are not transferrable to other programmes or to other providers.

As a result all PPD funded continuers will be in one of the following categories:

1. On a diploma course with 60 credits outstanding
2. On a masters course with 60 credits outstanding
3. On a masters course with 120 credits outstanding

Providers offering programmes starting towards the end of AY2010/11 (June or July 2011) should gain confirmation that teachers on these programmes are eligible for continuer funding from the TDA. Providers may not move the start date of their programmes as a result of this guidance. The TDA reserves the right to exclude teachers who embarked on programmes that had their start date moved.

### **Continuer start eligibility**

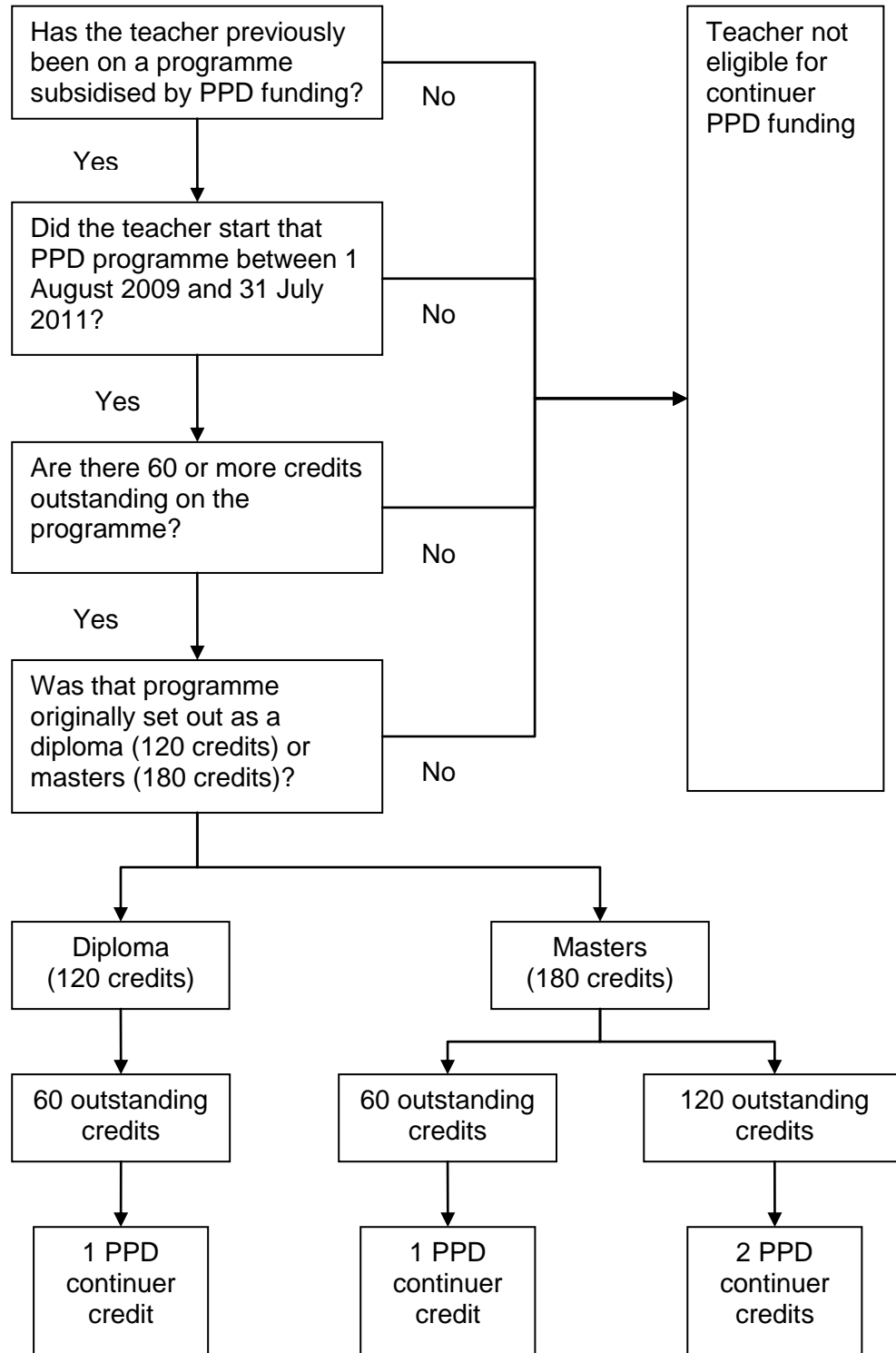
The teacher must start any 'continuer' elements of their programme between 1 August 2011 and 31 July 2013. This provides those teachers with the maximum of two outstanding PPD funding units (number three on the above list) 24 months to start both 60 credit parts.

## **Break in programme**

Teachers may have started an eligible programme (as set out above) and then taken a break between modules. They will be eligible to resume their study on the next part (leading to diploma or masters) after the break but will only be fundable so long as they start this or any subsequent part before 31 July 2013.

**Providers are asked to contact the TDA at [itffunding@tda.gov.uk](mailto:itffunding@tda.gov.uk) if they have any queries regarding this guidance.**

Can the teacher be counted as a PPD continuer?



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## Frequently asked questions

**Q1:** Will a trainee undertaking their PGCE course in AY2010/11 be eligible to be counted as a PPD funded continuer?

**A1:** No, PGCE participants from AY 2010/11 will not be counted as PPD continuers because they have not completed 60 credits of a PPD subsidised programme. Owning 60 credits from a PGCE or the Masters in Teaching and Learning (MTL) does not confirm PPD continuer status.

**Q2:** My PPD subsidised course has multiple start dates as standard and one of these is towards the end of the academic year. Will teachers on these programmes be eligible to be counted as a PPD continuer?

**A2:** We recognise that some programmes have flexible starts and may start throughout the year. However, the TDA reserves the right to withhold funding where it appears that providers have changed programme dates in response to this guidance. Anyone in doubt of this should seek confirmation from the TDA.

**Q3:** Will a participant who began a PPD subsidised programme in AY2008/09, then took maternity leave and only returned to their studies in AY2010/11 be eligible as a PPD funded continuer?

**A3:** Yes, providing the participant has been engaged with an eligible PPD programme between 01 August 2009 and 31 July 2011 (see Break in programme).

**Q4:** Will a participant who began their studies in AY2008/09 and then deferred their studies indefinitely, e.g. on an extended career break, be eligible as a PPD funded continuer?

**A4:** No, if the participant was not engaged with an eligible PPD subsidised programme between 01 August 2009 and 31 July 2011 they would not be eligible as a PPD funded continuer.