Department for Education

Diploma in Teaching (FE & Skills)

Following circulation of the summer edition of the FE ITE Newsletter (May 2025) and correspondence received in relation to changes made to the framework for the Level 5 Diploma in Teaching (Further Education & Skills) [DiT], DfE wishes to provide clarification on the requirements for teaching and placement in the DiT.

1. The DiT requires a **minimum** of 250 hours placement

2. The minimum of 250 hours must be spread across **at least** two placements. A second placement must be of at least 20 hours' duration and should, where possible, take place in a different provider to the main placement

3. Of the total (minimum) 250 placement hours, **at least** 150 must be teaching practice (this is a floor, not a ceiling)

4. Of the 150 hours teaching practice, **at least** 100 hours must be taught in the trainee's main subject (again, this is a floor, not a ceiling)

5. A **maximum** of 50 teaching hours, contributing to the total (minimum) 150 teaching hours can be delivered in a subject other than the trainee's main subject. This is not compulsory – and the full (minimum) 150 hours could be delivered in the trainee's main subject

6. The only change that has been made to the placement requirements in the DiT framework (following sector feedback) has been to remove the original requirement for a minimum of 20 hours' online/remote teaching. This does NOT impact on the total placement/teaching hours outlined in bullets 1 to 5, or to any minima/maxima previously set; these remain unchanged

7. The minimum of 20 hours required for a second placement need not be teaching hours but can include other types of professional practice relevant to the wider responsibilities of a teacher.

All queries relating to this, or to other matters of FE ITE policy, should be directed to FE.ITE@education.gov.uk.

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