

Recruiting Teachers into UK Schools

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Should I register with a Teaching Union when teaching in England?

Registration with a teaching union is not mandatory when teaching in England, however, most teachers will take out membership for the indemnity it provides when teaching in a number of different schools as a supply teacher.

Members are usually covered by group insurance and support services including:

- insurance cover for
- personal accidents
- hospitalisation
- personal property (inc spectacles)
- malicious damage to motor vehicles in school or college premises

Make sure you check what cover is offered by the different unions as they do vary.

Free Training with Teaching Unions

In addition to offering indemnity cover all the unions offer their members training and this may be included in the price of membership, so it's worth checking what the below professional bodies have to offer. At the NUT, supply teachers are eligible to attend a wide variety of courses, including regular CPD. Free ICT Skills evenings have a 20% take up by supply teachers and the union runs 40 per term around the country. Topics include interactive whiteboards introduction to Excel, more advanced Word skills, Internet tips and PowerPoint.

justteachers supply teachers can also attend a specially designed three day residential course run by the National Union of Teachers (NUT) which is open to non members who pay. *Part-Timers, Supply Teachers and Returners* course runs out of the NUT's training centre in Lincolnshire and includes modules on behaviour management, assertiveness and knowing your rights.

The *'Managing Classroom Behaviour'* module is a regular two-day CPD course that addresses the particular issues facing supply teachers, when coming to different classrooms 'cold'. It is free to members of the NUT and also available to non-members for a fee. Make sure you shop around and decide which union would be best for you.



The NUT is the largest of all the teaching unions.

Please go to www.teachers.org.uk/



the education union

ATL, the education union for teachers and lecturers

Please go to www.atl.org.uk/



NASUWT is one of the largest teaching unions and the only one to organise in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. NASUWT has members in all sectors of education and represents teachers in all roles including heads and deputies.

Please go to www.nasuw.org.uk/homepage.asp?NodelD=42710



Voice is an independent trade union representing education and childcare professionals in the public and private sectors, including teachers, head teachers, FE and HE lecturers, teaching assistants, technicians, administrators and support staff, nursery nurses, nannies and early years specialists. Please click on the above link or go to www.voicetheunion.org.uk/



The NAHT is the main association representing the interests of head teachers. It runs courses and conferences to support new initiatives and the implementation of policies.

Please go to www.naht.org.uk/

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