An Chomhairle Mhünteoireachta The Teaching Council Droichead Covid-19 Guidelines for NQTs 2019/2020 (Updated June 2020)

NQTs who have been engaged in *Droichead* in the 2019/2020 school year will fall into one of three groups. Please read carefully below the instructions which apply to you. Strand A (School based) relates to the in-school support including observations. Strand B (Professional Learning Activities) relates to Cluster Meetings and professional learning activities. If you require any further information, please email us at <u>conditions@teachingcouncil.ie</u> and don't forget to include your registration number.

Group	Criteria	Instructions
Group 1	You have completed the <i>Droichead</i> process (Strand A and Strand B) on or before 12 March 2020.	 Please submit your fully completed Form D by post or by email to <u>conditions@teachingcouncil.ie</u>. Forms will be accepted up to 31 December, 2020. Your Form D will be queued for processing. Please expect some delays as forms will be processed in rotation. Once your Form D has been processed, your registration details will be updated, and an email will be issued to you. The Council reserves the right to verify any information provided by you in the Form.
Group 2	You have engaged in the Droichead process for the required minimum time and have completed Strand A, but may not have completed all of Strand B on or before the end of the academic year 2019/2020.	 Please submit your completed Form D by post or by email to <u>conditions@teachingcouncil.ie</u>. Forms will be accepted up to 31December, 2020. Forms should not be signed by PSTs until the process has completed. Quality remote teaching and learning including online observations and professional discussion with your PST may be included. Your Form D will be queued for review and processing. Please expect some delays as forms will be reviewed in rotation. The Council may contact you in relation to your <i>Droichead</i> process. Once clarifications have been provided, your Form D will be processed, your registration details will be updated, and an email will be issued to you. It is expected that you will have the majority of Strand B completed e.g. Cluster Meetings and/or Professional Learning Activities. The Council's expectation is that you will continue to participate in professional learning activities which may include Induction Workshops, webinars etc. The Council reserves the right to verify any information provided by you in the Form.
Group 3	You commenced the <i>Droichead</i> process but have not completed the required minimum time and elements of Strand A and you may not have completed all of Stand B on or before the end of the academic year 2019/2020.	 Please submit your Form D highlighting the time you have completed up to the end of the academic year 2019/2020. This will be banked for you and will allow you to re-apply to complete the balance of time in the future. Form D should be signed by the PST to verify the completed elements. When you secure eligible employment, you will be able to re-apply for Droichead to complete the balance of time and address any outstanding elements of the process. The Council reserves the right to verify any information provided by you in the Form. Please Note 1. You will be able to complete the balance of time/outstanding elements in a different setting/school from where you originally started the Droichead process. 2. The time gap between the end of the academic year 2019/2020 and the date you will start a new position will not be considered as a break in service. 3. If your condition is due to expire soon, you will need to apply for an extension request. 4. Further guidance will be issued to you on receipt of your 2019/20 Form D and in advance of the new school year.