Teaching Council Registration - Degree Eligibility – Important Note

1. Only applicants with level 8 degrees (or equivalent) on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), which meet the Teaching Council’s registration requirements for at least one post primary curricular subject will be offered places on the Professional Master of Education programme in Trinity College Dublin. The Teaching Council’s registration requirements for all post primary curricular subjects can be found here.

2. It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure their level 8 degree is eligible for the purposes of registration as a post primary teacher and you must make a declaration to this effect on the Subject Declaration Form.

To confirm if your degree is eligible you should:

- Refer to the Teaching Council’s Curricular Requirements referred to in no. 1 above and ensure you meet the requirements for at least one of the listed curricular subjects. You must fill out the relevant subject declaration form(s) online during the application process. It is advisable to fully complete the form at this time as it cannot be updated once the application is submitted.
- Confirm that the subject(s) taken in your degree meet the criteria for your preferred teaching subjects as set out in the Teaching Council’s Curricular Requirements.

3. It is the responsibility of the applicant to confirm that their level 8 degree is eligible for registration to teach at post primary level and Trinity College Dublin will not be held responsible if a graduate of the Professional Master of Education is refused admission to the Register of Teachers on the basis of an erroneous declaration. To confirm that your degree is eligible you must consult the Teaching Council requirements.

4. TCD will not be responsible for checking any of this material on your behalf and will not be held responsible if an offer of a place is withdrawn because of inaccurate information supplied by you on your Subject Declaration Forms or elsewhere. The onus is on the applicant to ensure that all questions on the Subject Declaration Forms are completed accurately and truthfully and that the Credits/ECTS section is completed in FULL and that what is being claimed tallies with college course provision, in all cases. Any false claim or overestimate of degree credits/ECTS may lead to the withdrawal of an offer of a place later on.

5. If, having consulted the Council’s curricular subject requirements you are still uncertain about any issue regarding the suitability of your degree by the Teaching Council, you should contact the Teaching Council directly. It can be contacted at the following address:

   The Teaching Council, Block A, Maynooth Business Campus, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Telephone: (01) 651 7900, LoCall: 1890 224 224  
   Fax: (01) 651 7901  
   Email: info@teachingcouncil.ie
Please note: The Teaching Council does not advise applicants on issues relating to the allocation of Professional Master of Education places or operational procedures of Trinity College Dublin, Professional Master of Education application process.

6. In examining your degree programme, it is essential that you
   o meet the subject requirements and criteria relating to your specific subject contained therein.
   o that your degree programme fully complies with the requirements set out by the Teaching Council in the Teaching Council’s Curricular Requirements

7. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Admission to the Professional Master of Education [PME] and/or completion of said programme does not necessarily guarantee recognition as a teacher in Ireland, or in any other country. Trinity College Dublin authorities, therefore, bear no responsibility for ensuring that PME graduates meet requirements for teacher recognition. It is the responsibility of the international applicant to ensure that the PME is recognised as teacher training qualification by the country in which they plan to teach.

8. Please note that teachers will only be eligible to be registered to teach subjects for which they meet all the subject Special Requirements. Registration cannot be granted for a subject studied in Year 1 of a degree and subsequently dropped. Likewise taking a subject methodology as part of your Professional Master of Education will not entitle you to be registered as a teacher of that subject.