



Strand B:

Additional Professional Learning Activities (APLAs)

The Droichead process is an integrated induction framework for newly qualified teachers (NQTs). It consists of two strands - Strand A and Strand B. Successful completion of the Droichead process involves engagement in both strands: school-based induction (Strand A) and additional professional learning activities (Strand B).



Strand B is concerned with additional professional learning activities, which involve attendance at NQT cluster meetings. NQTs undergoing the Droichead process, should also engage in one other professional learning activity, in addition to the cluster meetings, identified in accordance with their professional learning needs and in consultation with their Professional Support Team (PST). Typical learning activities might be, for example, Teacher Professional Networks (subject associations), online/blended learning activity, attendance at a conference, participation in a workshop, a Professional Support Group etc.

Attendance at a school closure event (e.g. a Child Protection Procedure Whole-School Professional Learning Event) is not recognised by the Teaching Council as fulfilling the Other Professional Learning Activity requirement.

The Droichead Induction Division offers a suite of online induction workshops for NQTs consisting of Primary, Post-primary and Cross-sectoral workshops. Induction workshops are open to all NQTs to support their professional learning.

While the induction workshops are not a requirement for the Droichead process, many NQTs use them as their professional learning activity. Please register for an online workshop via onlinelearning.teacherinduction.ie.

NQTs will need to record the title, date and duration of the professional learning activity on their Form D. NQTs can complete Form D by logging in to their [My Registration Portal](#) on the Teaching Council website.

