

Health and physical capacity to teach self-declaration

Prior to commencing school-based training the School of Education is required to ensure that trainees have the health and physical capacity to teach and will not put children and young people at risk of harm. The prescribed activities that a teacher must be able to perform are set out in the Education (Health Standards) (England) Regulations 2003 and are set out below:

- (a) planning and preparing lessons and courses for children;
- (b) delivering lessons to children;
- (c) assessing the development, progress and attainment of children;
- (d) reporting on the development, progress and attainment of children;
- (e) an activity which assists or supports teaching;
- (f) supervising, assisting and supporting a child;
- (g) an administrative or organisational activity which supports the provision of education; and
- (h) an activity which is ancillary to the provision of education.

To assess your health and physical capacity to teach, you are required to complete an Occupational Health Questionnaire. This is confidential and reviewed by Occupational Health to determine your fitness to practice. This is not seen by members of the School of Education.

In addition, the SoE requires a self-declaration that confirms your perception of your health and physical fitness to teach. Please consider the prescribed activities (listed a to h above) in relation to the information you have provided on your Occupational Health Questionnaire, before signing the self-declaration below:

I have reviewed the prescribed activities that a teacher must be able to perform in relation to the information / have provided in my Occupational Health Questionnaire. I confirm that the information I have provided in my Occupational Health Questionnaire is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. In signing this form, I understand that I am making a self-declaration that I have the health and physical fitness to teach that means children and young people are not at risk of harm. I understand that I can insist on meeting with Occupational Health to discuss my health and physical fitness prior to undertaking school-based training and, therefore, I would not sign this form. I understand that if make false representation about my fitness to teach, the School of Education reserves the right to withdraw me from the programme under Part 2 of the Teachers' Standards.

Signature.....Name.....

Date:.....