This qualification is for GMB members (and non members who would like to join) of the school workforce who directly support teaching and learning of pupils in schools, in an area that requires specialist knowledge and skills. The course is primarily delivered in the workplace but up to 100 hrs or 30% of the guided learning hours (whichever is the greater) is to be achieved outside of work time.

To be eligible for the apprenticeship you must be:
- 19 years of age or more
- Hold a valid national insurance number
- Lived in the UK or EU for the last 3 years
- Have a paid contract of employment (and work 16 hours a week or more)

Duration: 15-18 months

Includes: Key Skills at level 2 (communication, application of number and information communication technology), Employment Rights and Responsibilities and Personal Learning and Thinking Skills.

The course is made up of 11 mandatory and a selection of optional units (totalling 12 credits from the remaining 42 units).

All mandatory units:
- Communication and professional relationships with children, young people and adults.
- Schools as organisations.
- Support learning activities.
- Promote children and young people’s positive behaviour.
- Develop professional relationships with children, young people and adults.
- Promote equality, diversity and inclusion in work with children and young people.
- Support assessment for learning.
- Engage in personal development in health, social care or children's and young people’s settings.
- Support children and young people’s health and safety.
- Understand child and young person development.
- Understand how to safeguard the wellbeing of children and young people.

Sample of what some optional units cover:
- Curriculum delivery / monitoring / recording
- Literacy / numeracy provision
- Gifted learners / bilingual learners
- Disabled / special educational /behavioural / emotional /physical needs
- Social exclusion / well being and resilience / life transitions support
- Team working, leadership, partnership, interviewing skills, mentoring
- Extra curricular activities, travel / journey supervision

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How do I join?

Just fill in the form below and hand it in to your local GMB workplace organiser, or post it to GMB Yorkshire and North Derbyshire region, FREEPOST NEA524, Grove Hall, 60 College Grove Road, Wakefield WF1 3SY (you do not need a stamp).

Remember - GMB membership covers you for all of your jobs, wherever you work. GMB contributions are £2.65 if you work 21 hours or more per week, £1.50 if you work between 10-20 hours per week and just 85p if you work less than 10 hours per week.

*85p rate excludes cash benefits

GMB Yorkshire and North Derbyshire region membership application form

1 TELL US ABOUT YOU

Surname: [ ]
First name: [ ]
Title: [ ]
Date of birth: [ ]

Home address: [ ]
Home Tel: [ ]
Email: [ ]

Date: [ ]
We ask for your ethnic origin as part of our equal opportunities policy of improving services to all members

GMB rules: [ ]
Signature: [ ]

2 TELL US ABOUT YOUR JOB

Employer: [ ]
Address where you work: [ ]

Your job: [ ]
How many hours a week do you work: [ ]
Pay No: [ ]
Pay Date: [ ]

3 CHOOSE EITHER AUTHORISATION OF DEDUCTION OF YOUR TRADE UNION CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YOUR PAY

Section 68. Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidated) Act 1982 as amended

Please tick the box below if you agree to have your trade union contributions deducted from your pay. You can change your mind at any time by writing to GMB.

Cash: [ ]

Signed: [ ]
Date: [ ]

4 OR INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY TO PAY DIRECT DEBITS

For GMB official use only. This is not part of the instruction to your Bank/Building Society. If your A/C number is not available fill in your address below.

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society:

Please pay GMB Direct Debits from the account detailed in this Instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this Instruction may remain with GMB and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Bank/Building Society Account Number: [ ]
Bank/Building Society Sort Code: [ ]
Reference number (Office use only): [ ]

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