

### **Additional advice re SEND and the Diploma in Teaching [DIT]**

The new Diploma in Teaching has new teaching practice requirements compared to the previous Diploma in Education and Training [DET]. Whereas the former simply required 100 hours of teaching practice, the new framework for the DIT specifies that teaching practice should include 20 hours of remote delivery. This was in response to the need for teachers to be able to deliver in such fashion during the Covid pandemic, alongside the likelihood that in future [within a trainee teacher's career] there will be more remote delivery of most subjects. However in some situations this may not apply to the SEND area as the relevant learners may not benefit from such an approach and additionally, even during the aforementioned pandemic, remote delivery was often not used for SEND learners. Therefore it seems entirely reasonable that such specification should not apply to the SEND area where the learner demands preclude, and trainees in such situation simply have to complete the 150 hours of teaching practice. However it is desirable that such trainees still gain access to some remote delivery experience.

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