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**Letter from the Joint Secretaries of the SNCT**

Dear Colleague

**PROBATIONERS ON THE INDUCTION SCHEME NOT GRANTED THE STANDARD FOR FULL REGISTRATION (SFR)**

The General Teaching Council Scotland will allow some probationer teachers on the Scheme an additional period to meet the Standard for Full Registration (SFR). The GTCS will advise Councils of the reasons for an extension to the Probationary period and the required duration of that period.

The Scottish Executive will determine whether financial support can be provided to support CPD time and/or mentoring.

Having received advice from the GTCS and funding, if any from the Scottish Executive, Councils should issue fixed term contracts to these probationers defining the terms and duration of the contract.

Where financial support is provided for CPD and mentoring (ie where a probationer has not had sufficient classroom experience through, for example, ill health or maternity) then the contract should be drawn from SNCT/34 or, from 1 August 2007, from the SNCT Handbook: Part 2, Section 9, paragraphs 9.7 to 9.12.

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Where financial support relates solely to mentoring, the contract should be a standard contract for a teacher.

We trust this clarifies the situation.

Yours sincerely

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