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Dear Colleague

**GTC Scotland New Professional Standards: Implications for Probation and for Competence cases from August 2013**

GTC Scotland (GTCS) has recently published a set of revised Professional Standards which will come into force from August 2013.

The new Standards will govern the work of GTCS from that date but there is a particular interface with SNCT Handbook provisions relating to the Standards for Registration and the Framework for Teacher Competence.

The SNCT Joint Secretaries have fully discussed the transitional issues with the GTCS and have agreed the attached GTCS note on these transitional arrangements. The Joint Secretaries ask local authorities to take this into account for probationer teachers and those teachers whose competence is subject to a process based on the Framework for Teacher Competence going forward.

Yours sincerely

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