



Planning for Your Teaching Diploma

This sheet is designed to give you a framework around which you can consider how you feel about preparing for a teaching diploma.

Working towards a teaching diploma can seem daunting, and it's worth taking a few moments to think about how you feel. Remember, it's fine to feel confident, but it's also fine to feel daunted and overwhelmed.

1. How confident do you feel about preparing for and passing a teaching diploma?

Not at all confident 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very confident

2. How confident do you feel that you've chosen the right teaching diploma to work towards?

Not at all confident 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very confident

3. How confident do you feel that you know what's expected and you understand the standard required?

Not at all confident 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Very confident

If you feel confident about these three questions, then you may feel happy to go ahead and prepare for your teaching diploma alone.

If your answers are hovering around the middle, think a bit more about whether you need some external input, or whether perhaps you need to spend a little more time understanding what's required.

If you're not feeling confident, that's absolutely fine; you might like to consider finding someone to help. That might be help from:

- A teacher of your instrument
- A teacher or mentor who specialises in teaching diplomas
- An externally run course

You may also have friends and family with specialist skills who may be able to help you too.

Remember, there is no right answer, and there's no 'one size fits all' approach to preparing for your teaching diploma, but it's worth considering how you feel before you start preparing.

Finally, think about the advantages and disadvantages of working towards your diploma alone:

Advantages	Disadvantages

Having considered how confident you feel and weighed up the advantages and disadvantages of preparing on your own, you'll hopefully now have a clearer idea about how you might move forward.