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FAST-TRACK TO HLTA STATUS

For Teaching Assistants who've completed
the Level 3 or Level 5 Specialist TA
Apprenticeship with Best Practice Network

Ready to take the next step in your career?

If you've completed your Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship — or the Level 5 Specialist Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship — with Best Practice Network, you may be eligible for our Fast-Track HLTA route.

This streamlined path is designed to recognise your prior learning, fast-tracking you towards nationally recognised Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) status.

"It recognised my experience and helped me progress much faster."

THOMAS

HLTA via Level 5 Fast-Track,
Secondary SEND TA

What is Fast-Track HLTA?

A more efficient route to HLTA preparation and assessment for BPN apprenticeship alumni, including:

- A streamlined process to HLTA application, preparation and final assessment
- Prioritised access to HLTA cohorts and assessment dates
- A reduced fee for eligible apprenticeship graduates
- Delivery that builds directly on your apprenticeship experience and aligns with the HLTA standards
- Combined tutor-led and peer-supported online learning

What are the Benefits?

- Quicker progression to nationally recognised HLTA status
- Less independent work thanks to the foundation built during your apprenticeship
- Greater impact in the classroom with a recognised professional qualification
- Advance your role with increased responsibility and recognition

What's included in the Fast-Track route?

- Four half-day, tutor-led online preparation sessions
- A high-quality Virtual Learning Environment for flexible study
- Expert feedback on a draft HLTA assessment task
- Full guidance through the HLTA process and assessment method
- Final assessment conducted by a trained HLTA assessor

“Fast-Track gave me the confidence to lead learning sessions.”

JADE

HLTA via Level 3 Fast-Track,
Primary TA

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Fast-Track route, you must:

- Have completed a Level 3 or Level 5 TA Apprenticeship with Best Practice Network
- Be considered by your school to be working at HLTA level
- Have met the maths and English requirements for your apprenticeship
- Have your school or employer's support to apply

Note: The same evidence of English and maths used for your apprenticeship will be accepted as part of your HLTA eligibility.

What our HLTA alumni say

“The Fast-Track route made the whole process smooth and achievable. The support from tutors was fantastic and it built on everything I'd already done in my apprenticeship.”

— Charlotte, HLTA via Level 3 Fast-Track

“Having the HLTA status has made a real difference to how I'm used in school. I'm much more confident and feel properly recognised for my skills.”

— Imran, HLTA via Level 5 Fast-Track