

# Chartered Geographer (Teacher)

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## ● The only ongoing professional accreditation linked to CPD in Geography

Launched in March 2006, the Action Plan for Geography aims to enhance the development of individual teachers by recognising subject focused professional advancement and standards via the professional accreditation for geography teachers, Chartered Geographer (Teacher).

Chartered Geographer (Teacher) is currently under development so that it will become fully aligned with TDA's developing professional standards for teachers.

### What is a Chartered Geographer (Teacher)?

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) offers the only ongoing professional accreditation linked to CPD in Geography. The Chartered Geographer (Teacher) accreditation has been formally approved by the Privy Council and is on a par with Chartered Awards offered by other professional bodies. For teachers, Chartered status recognises their subject knowledge in geography; professional practice & expertise; and their commitment to CPD and sharing their expertise beyond their specific teaching responsibilities.

Chartered Geographer (Teacher) status indicates that you are:

- Committed to promoting learning and to raising geography standards in schools through your own teaching practice
- Aware of recent developments in the subject, its delivery in schools and the importance of good practice.
- Personally committed to self-evaluation and development and embedding CPD in your practice and reflecting on your performance.
- Maintaining an ongoing programme of CPD.
- Able to identify future CPD requirements and embed them to improve your schools and pupil performance
- Involved in influencing the advancement of geographical teaching and learning in the wider teaching community.

### What are the benefits of becoming a Chartered Geographer (Teacher)?

- Professional Development: Chartered Geographer (Teacher) is being developed to be relevant to the developing TDA framework of professional and occupational standards for teachers. CGeog (Teacher) will provide an accredited award relevant to your professional and career development.
- Career Progression: It can support your application for a leadership or Advanced Teacher role.
- Demonstrates that you wish to maintain your professional standards through continually developing your geographical skills and knowledge.
- Shows that you are committed to geography beyond your specific teaching responsibilities, by recognising your ongoing contribution to teaching and learning and the wider discipline.
- Proves your commitment to the professionalism of the discipline by using CGeog (Teacher).
- As a Chartered Geographer (Teacher) you will be selecting and undertaking your own annual programme of CPD and demonstrating how this has been embedded and reflected on in your work.
- Uses a wide range of CPD activities as evidence, including those that you currently undertake such as working with examination boards
- You can, if you wish, become a mentor for teachers thinking of becoming a Chartered Geographer (Teacher) in the future

*“Continued professional development is essential to practising geography teachers to keep up-to-date with changes to the curriculum and teaching and learning methodology. Therefore the regular delivery to and attendance of conferences and meetings, as is required for the annual continuation of the Chartered Geography (Teacher) status, has greatly benefited myself, members of the department and my students.”*  
Garry Atterton Chartered Geographer, The Castle School, South Gloucestershire

