

Train to Teach Information session

Entry requirements

- To train to teach, you'll need to have GCSEs at grade 4 (C) or above in English and maths (and science if you want to teach primary).
- You also need a degree in any subject to teach primary and secondary.
- For secondary teacher training, your provider will want to make sure you have a good knowledge of the subject you're applying to teach.
- If you do not have a degree, you can do undergraduate teacher training to get a degree alongside qualified teacher status (QTS). Or you may be eligible to do a [teacher degree apprenticeship \(TDA\)](#).
- **Original certificates will be required prior to starting a course**

Non-UK citizens: check your qualifications

- If you have qualifications from outside the UK, you'll need to show that they meet the standards set for teacher training in England. You can

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If you have a degree

- Your postgraduate teacher training course might be provided by:
 - a university (sometimes referred to as university-led training)
 - a school or group of schools (school-led /school based)
- The important thing to remember is that regardless of your course provider, all teacher training involves around 120 days of school placements in at least 2 schools.

What does the course look like?

- Postgraduate teacher training usually takes 9 months full-time, or 18 to 24 months part-time.
- All teacher training involves mostly classroom placements with some theoretical learning.
- Teacher training involves around 120 days of school placements in at least 2 schools, across 2 key stages

Costs and Funding

- Postgraduate teacher training course fees are around £9,250 per year (or higher for non-UK citizens).
- You can apply for tuition fee and maintenance loans, even if you already have a student loan.
- You may be eligible for extra financial support if:
 - you train to teach certain subjects
 - you're disabled
 - you're a parent or carer
 - you're a veteran
 - you're eligible for a salaried teacher training course
- <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support>

Bursaries and scholarship

- If you're eligible for student loans, you'll also usually be eligible:
- for bursaries in the subjects offered to UK citizens
- to apply for scholarships
- Talk to your training provider about 2025, [bursaries and scholarships](#).

Bursaries and scholarship

Subject	Bursary	Scholarship
Art and design	£10,000	
Biology	£26,000	
Chemistry	£29,000	£31,000
Computing	£29,000	£31,000
Design and technology	£26,000	
English	£5,000	
Geography	£26,000	
Languages (French, German and Spanish only)	£26,000	£28,000
Languages (all other languages, including ancient languages)	£26,000	
Maths	£29,000	£31,000
Music	£10,000	
Physics	£29,000	£31,000
Religious education	£10,000	

Bursaries and Scholarships 2025

- £29,000 in chemistry, computing, mathematics and physics
- £26,000 in biology, design and technology, geography and languages (including ancient languages)
- £10,000 in art and design, music and religious education (RE)
- £5,000 in English

Scholarships of:

- £31,000 in chemistry, computing, mathematics and physics
- £28,000 in French, German and Spanish (no other languages)

Non-UK Citizens

- Teacher training course fees for non-UK citizens cost an average of £15,000. Most non-UK citizens will not be eligible for tuition fee loans and maintenance loans. If you train to teach languages or physics, you may be eligible for a bursary or scholarship.
- [Learn more about fees and financial support for non-UK trainee teachers.](#)

Consider getting experience

- Experiencing life in a school can help you decide if teaching is right for you and who you want to teach. This is a good way to give you a taste of what the classroom is really like.
- [Learn more about getting classroom experience.](#)

Find a teacher training course

- Through teacher training, you can get qualified teacher status (QTS) or QTS with a postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE).
- You need QTS to teach in most primary and secondary schools in England but you do not need a PGCE to teach.
- Find out about [how to choose your teacher training course](#).
- You can [find postgraduate teacher training courses in England](#)(opens in new window).

Non-UK citizens: visa sponsorship

- If you do not have the right to study or work in the UK, you will need a visa. Your visa will need to be sponsored by a course provider.
- [Learn more about applying for your visa to train to teach in England.](#)

Applying for a training course

UK citizens:

- Apply for teacher training - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Non-UK citizens: applying for training and visas

- If you need a visa to train to teach in England, you must have a confirmed offer of a training place before you apply for your visa. You should only apply for courses that support Student or Skilled Worker visa sponsorship.
- [Learn more about applying for your visa to train to teach in England.](#)

Interview Process

The process varies for each provider
In person or virtual

An example of the process:

- Teaching Task
- Subject knowledge Task
- English and Maths Tasks
- Presentation
- Formal interview

Show you've got the right skills

- Providers will also be expecting you to demonstrate you've got relevant skills, including:
- how you reflect on your own performance
- how you tailor information for a range of audiences
- the level of your English and maths skills
- the strength of your subject knowledge

Conditional Offer

All offers will be subject to conditions

- References
- Original examination certificates
- Proof of identity
- Proof of address
- Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate

Early Career Teacher (ECT)

- When you start your first teaching job, you'll be an early career teacher (ECT) – this used to be called newly qualified teacher (NQT).
- For your first 2 years as an early career teacher, you'll receive a package of support to help you find your feet. You'll get this automatically if you work in a maintained school but lots of other schools provide this for ECTs too.
- You'll get a mentor to support you, boost your confidence and help you develop key skills, including behaviour management and ways to adapt your teaching. This builds on your initial teacher training.
- [Find out more about support for early career teachers \(ECT\).](#)

Jargon Buster

- Foundation Year (FY): Additional year added to the start of your degree, suitable if you do not have the entry requirements for a 3-year degree.
- Foundation Degree (FD): Equivalent to two thirds of a degree (level 5).
- FT: Full time study
- Key Stages – (EYFS): Early Years Foundation Stages (ages 3-5 years, nursery and reception)
- Key Stages – KS1 & 2: Key Stage 1 (ages 5-7, years 1 & 2) PRIMARY and Key Stage 2 (ages 7-11, years 3-6) Primary
- Key Stages – KS3 & 4: Key Stage 3 (ages 11-14, years 7-9) secondary AND Key Stage 4 (ages 14-16, years 10-11) secondary
- PT: Part time study
- Postgraduate – PG: Someone engaged in higher education beyond their first degree.
- QTS: Qualified Teacher Status – status needed to legally teach in many English schools.
- SCITT: School Centred Initial Teacher Training (School-led/school based)
- Undergraduate – UG: Someone enrolled in higher education who hasn't yet received their first degree