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## Integrated Master's Degrees

4.13 Integrated Master's degrees are undergraduate programmes extended by one year to enable students to reach Master's level. Providing they have reached a suitable standard of achievement after three years of Bachelor's level-study, students can study for a fourth year for a Master's degree where the academic level of work in the fourth year is at Master's rather than at Bachelor's level. These programmes are normally found in science and engineering academic disciplines, and the usual degree awarded is MEng or a named integrated Master's degree such as MPhys (Masters of Physics) or MChem (Masters of Chemistry). Completed Integrated Master's degrees are equivalent to Level 7 (Master's degree) on the FHEQ and trainees who have achieved a distinction are eligible to receive the top tier bursary. Trainees who took an Integrated Masters but didn't have a degree classification or pass/merit distinction, they can be considered for the higher bursary, but the provider will have to be required to demonstrate that the trainee is of high quality. Trainees that did not complete the final year can be awarded a bursary based on their final degree classification on exit and the subject in which they train to teach.

## Doctoral Degrees

4.14 The FHEQ's descriptor of Doctoral degrees sets out that they are awarded for the "creation and interpretation, construction and/or exposition of knowledge which extends the forefront of a discipline, usually through original research." (Quality and Assurance Agency for Higher Education, 2008). Professional doctoral programmes that may include a research component, but which have a substantial taught element lead usually to awards which include the name of the discipline in their title (Ed.D, DCLinPsy or DBA are common examples). The titles PhD and DPhil are commonly used for doctoral degrees awarded on the basis of original research. The level of study associated with a doctoral degree should typically equate to 3 calendar years full-time for a research-based doctoral degree although it may take up to 5 years of full-time study for a professional doctoral degree. Honorary doctorates are not eligible academic qualifications and are not accepted by QAA as academic qualifications.

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<sup>1</sup> The MA is normally granted, on application, to graduates of these universities with a Bachelor of Arts (BA). No further assessment or study is needed but the recipient may pay a fee. At the University of Oxford, the MA may be granted during or after the twenty-first term from matriculation and at the University of Cambridge, the MA may be granted six years after the end of the first term.

























## Section 8 - SKE Trainees

- 8.1 Arrangements for SKE for AY13/14 are still being finalised. An update to this manual will be issued in the spring when more information will be available. Please direct any queries to the Funding Team at:  
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	Education Diploma			
Ethiopia	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Various	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Fiji	Bachelor degree (from the University of the South Pacific)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	A (80%+)	2.1
			B (70-79%)	2.2
Finland	Ammattikorkeakoulu tutkinto, AMK / yrkeshögskoleexamen, YHS (polytechnic degree, min. 120 credits) - new system since 1996	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Finland	Kandidaatti / kandidat (lower academic degree, min. 120 credits new system) (2005 -)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Three Point System - 3 / Five Point System - 5	1st
			Three Point System - 2 / Five Point System - 4	2.1
			Three Point System - 2 / Five Point System - 3	2.2
Finland	Kandidaatti / Kandidat (160 - 180 credits). Professional titles - Ekonomi, Diplomi-insinööri, Arkkitehti, Licensiaatti (in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine) Proviisori (-1996); Proviisori / provisor (higher academic degree in Pharmacy, min. 200 credits)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Three Point System - 3 / Five Point System - 5	1st
			Three Point System - 2 / Five Point System - 4	2.1
			Three Point System - 2 / Five Point System - 3	2.2
Finland	Licensiaatti / licenciati	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Three Point System - 2 / Five Point System - 4	2.2

Finland	Juris Kandidat	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Three Point System - 2 / Five Point System - 4	2.2
Finland	Proviisori / provisor	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Three Point System - 2 / Five Point System - 4	2.2
France	Licence (from 2009)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	16	1
			14	2.1
			12; 11 with other exceptional achievements	2.2
France	Licence Professionnelle	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	16	1
			14	2.1
			12	2.2
France	Maîtrise	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	15	1
			13	2.1
			11	2.2
France	M1 (exit qualification achieved after 1 year of new 2 year French Masters programme)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard. Can be treated in same way as Maitrise <i>if</i> trainee completed 240 credits and at least 2 semesters.	See Maitrise	See Maitrise
France	Diplôme d'Ingénieur	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Pass	1
France	Architecte Diplômé d'État	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Pass	1
France	Diplôme from an Ecole Supérieure de Commerce / Gestion / Politique	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Pass	1
Gabon	Diplôme d'Ingénieur	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard		2.2
Georgia	<i>Bakalavris Khariskhi</i> , Bachelor Degree	British Bachelor degree standard		
			n/a	n/a
Georgia	Specialist Diploma (five years or longer)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	4 / Good	2.1

Germany	Bachelor	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Mit Auszeichnung (excellent)	1st
			Sehr gut (very good);	2.1
			Gut (good)	2.2
			Befriedigend (satisfactory)	2.2
Germany	Fachhochschuldiplom (Diplom (FH))	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Mit Auszeichnung (excellent)	1st
			Sehr gut (very good); gut (good); befriedigend (satisfactory);	2.1
			genuegend (pass);	2.2
Germany	Erstes Staatsexamen	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Mit Auszeichnung (excellent)	1st
			Sehr gut (very good); gut (good); befriedigend (satisfactory);	2.1
			genuegend (pass);	2.2
Germany	Magister Artium	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Mit Auszeichnung (excellent)	1st
			Sehr gut (very good); gut (good); befriedigend (satisfactory);	2.1
			genuegend (pass);	2.2
Germany	Diplom	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Mit Auszeichnung (excellent)	1st

			Sehr gut (very good); gut (good); befriedigend (satisfactory);	2.1
			genuegend (pass);	2.2
Ghana	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Division	
			1	1
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
			GPA (4 pt)	
			3.6	1
			3.25	2.1
			2.5	2.2
Greece	Ptychio (Bachelor degree) awarded by an AEI	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Άριστα ( <i>Excellent</i> ) (8.50 - 10.00)	1 <sup>st</sup>
			Λίαν Καλώς ( <i>Very Good</i> ) (6.50 - 8.49)	2.1
			Καλώς ( <i>Good</i> ) (5.00 - 6.49)	2.2
Guatemala	Licenciado	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Guatemala	Professional title	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Guatemala	Maestria from Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	60%	2.2
Guatemala	Maestria from a private university	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	70%	2.2
Guyana	Graduate Diploma	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Guyana	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	grade C or above	2.2
Holy See	Baccalaureate (2006-)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Holy See	Licenciate (-2005)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Honduras	Licenciado	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Honduras	Professional title	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a

Hong Kong	Bachelor degree (Honours)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1st	1st
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
Hungary	Alapképzés, Bachelor degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	5 <i>jeles</i> excellent	1st
			4 <i>jo</i> good / 3 <i>kozepes</i> average	2.1
			2 <i>elegseges</i> pass	2.2
Hungary	Egyetemi Oklevel	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	5 <i>jeles</i> excellent	1st
			4 <i>jo</i> good / 3 <i>kozepes</i> average	2.1
			2 <i>elegseges</i> pass	2.2
Iceland	Baccalaureatus degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9	1st
			8	2.1
			7	2.2
Iceland	Kandidatsprof/Candidatus Mag	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9	1st
			8	2.1
			7	2.2
India	Bachelor degree (Honours / Special)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
India	Bachelor degree (in a professional subject)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Indonesia	<i>Sarjana</i> (S1) course accredited with A	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	4.0 (cumulative GPA)	1st
			3.0 (cumulative GPA)	2.1
			2.5 (cumulative GPA)	2.2
Iran	Bachelor Degree	British Bachelor degree	n/a	n/a

	(Licence or Karshenasi)	standard		
Iran	University of Technology Degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Iran	Professional Doctorate	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12/20	2.2
Iraq	Bachelor degree in Medicine	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Iraq	Bachelor degree in Engineering (obtained before 1990)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Iraq	Master of Technology (from a Technical College)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	70% or over	2.2
Iraq	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	70% or over	2.2
Ireland	Honours Bachelor degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	First Class Honours	1 <sup>st</sup>
			Second Class Honours – Grade 1	2.1
			Second Class Honours – Grade 2	2.2
Ireland	Higher Diploma	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Second Class Honours – Grade 2	2.2
Israel	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Israel	Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Israel	Doctor of Medicine (MD);	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Italy	Diploma accademico di primo livello	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	110 con lode	1st
			101	2.1
			91	2.2
Italy	Diploma di Laurea (2002-)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	110 con lode	1st
			101	2.1
			91	2.2
Italy	Diploma di Mediatore Linguistico	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	110 con lode	1st
			101	2.1
			91	2.2
Italy	Licenza di Accademia di Belle Arti	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Various	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Italy	Diploma di Laurea	British Bachelor (Honours)	110 con lode	1st



	(Vecchio Ordinamento)	degree standard	101	2.1
			91	2.2
Ivory Coast, the	Diplôme d'Etudes supérieures spécialisées (DESS)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2
Ivory Coast, the	Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures (DES)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2
Ivory Coast, the	Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2
Jamaica	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Japan	Advanced Diploma ( <i>Koudo Senmon Shi</i> )	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Various	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Japan	Bachelor degree ( <i>Gakushi</i> )	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Jordan	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	3.7 on a 4 point scale	1st
			3.0 on a 4 point scale	2.1
			2.5 on a 4 point scale	2.2
Kazakhstan	<i>Bakalavr</i> (Bachelor degree)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Kazakhstan	Specialist Diploma	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	5	1st
			4	2.1
				2.2
Kenya	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Kosovo	Bachelor / Baccalaureus (Bachelor Degree)		n/a	To be assessed on a case-by-case

				basis
Kuwait	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Kyrgyzstan	Specialist Diploma (completed after 1991)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	5 / Excellent / Credit ( <i>zachet</i> )	1st
			4 / Good / Credit ( <i>zachet</i> )	2.1
				2.2
Kyrgyzstan	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	4 / Good / Credit ( <i>zachet</i> )	2.1
Latvia	Bakalaura, Bachelor degree (awarded from 2003);	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Latvia	Professional Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Latvia	Magistrs (pre 2001)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	6.5	2.2
Latvia	Postgraduate Diploma (professional programme)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	6.5	2.2
Lebanon	Bachelor degree (from a US regionally accredited institution in Lebanon)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Lebanon	Maitrise	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Lesotho	Bachelor of Law	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1st / A	1st
			2.1 / B	2.1
			2.2 / C	2.2
Lesotho	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	60%+	2.2
Liberia	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	3.5 out of 4	2.2
Libya	Bachelor degree in Architecture, Engineering or Medicine (from a university)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Liechtenstein	Bachelor degree from the Hochschule Liechtenstein	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1 -6 (4+ required to pass)	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis

Liechtenstein	Magister philosophiae	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1 -6 (4+ required to pass)	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Lithuania	Bakalauras, Bachelor degree (awarded from 2001)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1-5 Grade Scale = 5 / 1-10 Grade Scale = 10	1st
			1-5 Grade Scale = 4 / 1-10 Grade Scale = 9	2.1
			1-5 Grade Scale = 4 / 1-10 Grade Scale = 8	2.2
Lithuania	Profesinis Bakalauras, Professional Bachelor degree (awarded from 2001)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1-5 Grade Scale = 5 / 1-10 Grade Scale = 10	1st
			1-5 Grade Scale = 4 / 1-10 Grade Scale = 9	2.1
			1-5 Grade Scale = 4 / 1-10 Grade Scale = 8	2.2
Lithuania	Magistras (pre 2001)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1-5 Grade Scale = 4 / 1-10 Grade Scale = 8	2.2
Luxembourg	Bachelor degree from University of Luxembourg;	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Macao	Bachelor degree / <i>Licenciatura</i>	British Bachelor degree standard		
			n/a	n/a
Macao	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	3.0 GPA	2.2
Macedonia	Bachelor degree (Bologna award)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Macedonia	Visoko Obrazovanja	British Bachelor (Honours)	10	1st

		degree standard	9	2.1
			8	2.2
Madagascar	Maîtrise	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Madagascar	Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2
Malawi	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	3.2 GPA / 74%	2.2
Malaysia	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Class 1 / A	1st
Malaysia	Bachelor degree (from Private Universities)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Class 2 division i / A- / B+	2.1
			Class 2 division ii / B	2.2
Maldives, the	Bachelor degree (from Maldives College of Higher Education)	British Bachelor degree standard	Various	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Malta	Bachelor (Honours) degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1st	1st
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
Mauritania	Maîtrise	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Mauritius	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1st	1st
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
Mexico	Licenciado	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Mexico	Professional title	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Moldova	Diploma de Licenta	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Moldova	Diploma de Studii Superioare (Diploma of University Higher Studies) (courses after 1991)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a

Montenegro	Diploma primijenjenih osnovnih studija, Diploma of professional undergraduate studies (abbr. B.Appl.)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Montenegro	Diploma/Uvjerenje o završenim osnovnim akademskim studijama , Diploma of completed academic undergraduate studies (abr. BA)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Morocco	Diplome du Cycle Normal	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Morocco	Diplome from Ecoles Nationales de Commerce et de Gestion (ENCG)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Morocco	Licence Professionnelle	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Morocco	Licence d'Etudes Fondamentales	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Morocco	Licence Professionnelle	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Morocco	Diplôme d'Ingénieur d'État	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	16 & above/ 20	1st
			14 & 15 / 20	2.1
			12 & 13 / 20	2.2
Myanmar	Master's Degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Pass grade (typically 50% over all)	2.2
Namibia	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	C / 60%	2.2
Netherlands, the	Bachelor degree (from 2002)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Grades 9 (8.5-9.4) - 10 (9.5-10)	1st
			Grades 7 (6.5-7.4) - 8 (7.5-8.4)	2.1

			Grade 6 (5.5-6.4)	2.2
Netherlands, the	Hoger Beroepsonderwijs (HBO)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Grades 9 (8.5-9.4) - 10 (9.5-10)	1st
			Grades 7 (6.5-7.4) - 8 (7.5-8.4)	2.1
			Grade 6 (5.5-6.4)	2.2
Netherlands, the	Doctoraal	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Grades 9 (8.5-9.4) - 10 (9.5-10)	1st
			Grades 7 (6.5-7.4) - 8 (7.5-8.4)	2.1
			Grade 6 (5.5-6.4)	2.2
New Zealand	Bachelor (Honours) degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	A+ / 85-100 / A / 80-84 / 4/ Pass with credit	1st
			A- / 75-79 / 3.6-3.9 / B+ / 70-74 / 3.3-3.5 / Good Pass	2.1
			B / 65-69 / 3.0-3.2 / B- / 2.6-2.9 / Good Pass	2.2
Nicaragua	Licenciado	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Nicaragua	Maestria	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Various	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Nicaragua	Professional Title	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Niger	Diplôme d'Etudes supérieures spécialisées (DESS)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2
Niger	Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (DEA)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2
Nigeria	Bachelor degree with Honours;	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Nigeria	Doctor of... (first	British Bachelor degree	n/a	n/a

	cycle degree in medical fields)	standard		
Nigeria	Post-Higher National Diploma	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Norway	Bachelorgrad (from 2003)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	A	1st
			C+	2.1
			E+	2.2
Norway	Candidatus Magisterii	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1.5 – 1.0	1st
			2.5 – 1.6	2.1
			3.2 – 2.6	2.2
Oman	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Pakistan	Master's Degree (two years) in Humanities and Commerce Subjects (completed after a four-year Bachelor degree)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Division II grade (45-55%) Points count of at least 3.0 (good) or above	2.2
Pakistan	Master of Philosophy (completed after a two or three-year Bachelor degree and a one or two-year Master's degree)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Division II grade (45-55%) Points count of at least 3.0 (good) or above	2.2
Palestinian National Authority	Master's degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Palestinian National Authority	Bachelor degree in Medicine or Dental Medicine	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Panama	Licenciado	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Panama	Professional title	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Panama	Maestría	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Various	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Papua New Guinea	Bachelor (Honours) degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Pass	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Paraguay	Título de Licenciado	British Bachelor degree	n/a	n/a

		standard		
Paraguay	Título de... (professional title)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Peru	Título de Licenciado/a	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Peru	Título Profesional	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Philippines	Master's degree from a Centre of Excellence or a prestigious institution	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Good	2.2
Poland	Licencjat (awarded from 2002)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Poland	Inzynier (awarded from 2002)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Poland	Magister (awarded before 2001) / Magister Inzynier	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	4.5	2.1 & above
			3.5	2.2
Portugal	Licenciado (2009-)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	18+	1st
			16+	2.1
			14+	2.2
Portugal	Licenciado	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	18+	1st
			16+	2.1
			14+	2.2
Portugal	Diploma de Estudos Superiores Especializados (DESE)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	18+	1st
			16+	2.1
			14+	2.2
Puerto Rico	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Qatar	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Romania	Diplomă de Licență (three to four years long)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9-10	1st
			8	2.1
			7	2.2
Romania	Diploma de Urbanist Diplomat	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9-10	1st
			8	2.1
			7	2.2
Romania	Diplomă de Inginer	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9-10	1st
			8	2.1
			7	2.2
Romania	Diploma de Arhitect	British Bachelor (Honours)	9-10	1st



		degree standard	8	2.1
			7	2.2
Romania	Diploma de Doctor-Medic	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9-10	1st
			8	2.1
			7	2.2
Romania	Diploma de Doctor Medic-Veterinar	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9-10	1st
			8	2.1
			7	2.2
Romania	Diploma de Farmacist	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9-10	1st
			8	2.1
			7	2.2
Russian Federation, the	<i>Диплом Бакалавра</i> , Bachelor Degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Russian Federation, the	<i>Диплом Специалиста</i> , Specialist Diploma	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	5	1st
			4	2.1
				2.2
Rwanda	Bachelor Honours degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1st, 2.1, 2.2 and 3rd	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Samoa	Bachelor Degree (from University of the South Pacific)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	A (80%+)	2.1
			B (70-79%)	2.2
Saudi Arabia	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Senegal	Bachelor in Business Administration from L'Institut Africain de Management	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Senegal	Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2
Senegal	Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures Spécialisées	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2
Senegal	Diplôme de Pharmacien	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Senegal	Diplôme de Docteur en Chirurgie Dentaire	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Senegal	Diplôme d'Etat de Docteur en	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a

	Médecine			
Senegal	Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Senegal	Maîtrise	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Serbia	Diplom Visokog Obrazovanja		various	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Serbia	Bachelor degree from 2003		various	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Sierra Leone	Bachelor degree (Honours)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Sierra Leone	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	various	To be assessed on a case-by-case basis
Singapore	Bachelor degree (from public Universities)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Slovakia	Bakalár, Bachelor degree (awarded from 2005)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	A – Výborný - Excellent – 1	1st
			B - Vel' Mi Dobrý - Very Good – 1.5	2.1
			C – Dobrý - Good – 2	2.2
Slovakia	Magister (before 2002)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Výborný - Excellent	1 <sup>st</sup>
			Vel' Mi Dobrý- Very good	2.1
			Dobrý – Good	2.2
Slovakia	Inzinier and other professional titles	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Výborný - Excellent	1 <sup>st</sup>

			Vel' Mi Dobry- Very good	2.1
			Dobry – Good	2.2
Slovenia	Diplomant (Professionally Oriented First Degree);	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	10 / Vyborny – Excellent	1st
			9 / Velmi dobry – Very good	2.1
			8 / Velmi dobry – Very good / 7 / Dobry - Good	2.2
Slovenia	University Diploma; Univerzitetni Diplomant (Academically Oriented First Degree);	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	10 / Vyborny – Excellent	1st
			9 / Velmi dobry – Very good	2.1
			8 / Velmi dobry – Very good / 7 / Dobry - Good	2.2
Solomon Islands, the	Bachelor degree (from the University of the South Pacific)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	A (80%+)	2.1
			B (70-79%)	2.2
South Africa	Bachelor (Honours) degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1 (75 - 100)	1st
			2.1 (70 - 74)	2.1
			2.2 (60 - 69)	2.2
			Distinction	1st
			Pass (60% average detailed in transcript)	2.2
South Africa	Bachelor degree in Technology (BTech)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1 (75 - 100)	1st
			2.1 (70 - 74)	2.1
			2.2 (60 - 69)	2.2
			Distinction	1st
			Pass (60% average detailed in transcript)	2.2

South Korea	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Spain	Título de Licenciado	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9	1st
			7.5	2.1
			6	2.2
Spain	Título de Ingeniero	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9	1st
			7.5	2.1
			6	2.2
Spain	Título de Arquitecto	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	9	1st
			7.5	2.1
			6	2.2
Sri Lanka	Professional degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1st	1st
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
Sri Lanka	Bachelor Special degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1st	1st
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
Sri Lanka	Bachelor of Education	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1st	1st
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
St Kitts and Nevis	Bachelor degree (from the University of the West Indies)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
St Lucia	Bachelor degree (from the University of the West Indies)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Sudan	Bachelor degree in Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Sudan	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	score of 70% or over (B+)	2.2
Surinam	Doctoraal Examen (until 1983)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	n/a	Case-by-case basis
Surinam	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	score of <i>met genoegen</i> or above	2.2
Sweden	Bachelor degree / Kandidatexamen (min 120 credits / 180 ECTS);	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Pass (Godkänd) - G	2.2
Sweden	Yrkesexamen / Professional Bachelor degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Pass (Godkänd) - G	2.2
Switzerland	Bachelor degree; Fachhochschule Diplom (FH) / Hautes Écoles Spécialisées Diplôme / Scuole	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Summa cum Laude 6 / Insigni cum Laude 5.5	1st
			Magna cum Laude 5	2.1

	Universitarie Professional Diploma;		Cum Laude 4.5	2.2
Switzerland	Diplom / Diplôme / Diploma; Lizentiat / Licence / Licenza; Staatsdiplom / Diplôme d'Etat / Diploma di Stato	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1 – 6, with 4 or above required to pass	2:2 and above where a grade of 4 or more has been obtained
Syria	Bachelor (Licence/al-Ijaza fi)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Taiwan	Bachelor degree from National Universities	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Tajikistan	Specialist Diploma (Completed after 1991)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	5 / Excellent	1st
			4 / Good	2.1
Tajikistan	<i>Magister</i> (since 1991)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	5 / Excellent	2.2
			4 / Good	1st
Tanzania	Diploma in Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering (from DSM Technical College) with grade 'average' or above;		n/a	n/a
Tanzania	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1st	1st
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
Thailand	Bachelor degree (four/five years)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Thailand	Bachelor degree (six years)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	A / excellent / 4	1st
			B+ / very good / 3.5	2.1
			B / good / 3	2.2
Togo	Diplôme d'Études Approfondies (DEA)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2
Togo	Diplôme d'Études Supérieures (DES)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	12	2.2

Tonga	Bachelor degree (from the University of the South Pacific)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	A (80%+)	2.1
			B (70-79%)	2.2
Trinidad and Tobago	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Tunisia	Maîtrise	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Tunisia	Licence	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Tunisia	Diplôme National de ... (Ingénieur/Architectu re)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	16 and above / 20	1st
			14 & 15 / 20	2.1
			12 & 13 /20	2.2
Tunisia	Docteur en ... (Médecine/Vétérinair e)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	16 and above / 20	1st
			14 & 15 / 20	2.1
			12 & 13 /20	2.2
Turkey	Lisans Diplomasi;	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Turkey	Mühendis Diplomasi (-1981)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Turkmenistan	Specialist Diploma (- 2001 and 2008-)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Uganda	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Class I/ Top Honours/ 4.4-5GPA	1st
			Class Iii/ Honours Upper/ 3.6- 3.99GPA	2.1
			Class Iiii/ Honours Lower/ 2.7- 3.599 GPA	2.2
Ukraine	<i>Dyplom Bakalavra</i> , Bachelor degree (awarded from 2008)	British Bachelor degree standard		
			n/a	n/a
Ukraine	Specialist Diploma (Completed after 1991)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	5 / 10-12	1st
			4 / 7-9	2.1
				2.2
Ukraine	<i>Dyplom Magistra</i> , Master's degree (awarded prior to 2006)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	4 / 7	2.1
United Arab Emirates, the	Bachelor degree; Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a

	(American University in Dubai);			
United Arab Emirates, the	Bachelor Degree (British University in Dubai)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
United States of America, the	Bachelor degree	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
United States of America, the	First professional degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	3.7 - 4.0	1st
			3.3 - 3.7	2.1
			3.0 - 3.3	2.2
Uruguay	Título de Licenciado	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Uruguay	Degree in a professional subject	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Uzbekistan	Specialist Diploma (completed since 1991)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	5	1st
			4	2.1
				2.2
Uzbekistan	Masters Degree (Magistr)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	4 / 71-85%	2.1
Vanuatu	Bachelor degree (from the University of the South Pacific)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	A (80%+)	2.1
			B (70-79%)	2.2
Venezuela	Licenciatura	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Venezuela	Professional Title	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Vietnam	Master's Degree / <i>Thac si</i> (taught)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	Grade 5.0+	2.2
Vietnam	Master's Degree / <i>Thac si</i> (research based)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard		
Yemen	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	63% and above	2.2
Zambia	Master's degree	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	B+	2.2
Zimbabwe	Bachelor of Arts/Science (Honours) (from the University of	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1	1
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
			Distinction	1

	Zimbabwe)		Merit	2.1
			Credit	2.2
Zimbabwe	Bachelor degree (from National University of Science and Technology)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a
Zimbabwe	Specialist Diploma (from the University of Zimbabwe)	British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard	1	1
			2.1	2.1
			2.2	2.2
			Distinction	1
			Merit	2.1
			Credit	2.2
Zimbabwe	Bachelor of Technology degree (from Harare Polytechnic)	British Bachelor degree standard	n/a	n/a



## Annex C: Frequently asked questions

### Non-honours UK degrees

Q: I have an ordinary degree but I trained to be a doctor. Will I be eligible?

A: The Bachelors of Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Surgery may all be eligible for the bursary at 2:1 level providing that the trainee completed the whole degree. Exit qualifications after 3 years (usually Bachelors of Medical Science) will be eligible for the 2:2 bursary. Trainees will be expected to provide a transcript of their final degree and score.

Q: My applicant does not hold a degree of a UK university, but does have 2 Accountancy qualifications and a one-year Chartered Association of Certified Accountants certificate. Would he be eligible for the bursary?

A: If a trainee holds these professional/vocational qualifications, the provider will need to examine, and demonstrate that they have examined, the qualification in more detail and are confident that it covers that same academic breadth and depth of a first undergraduate degree at honours level. In addition to this it's likely that this may get picked up during evaluation *if* the provider is unable to provide relevant evidence that they believe the qualification is equivalent to at least 2<sup>nd</sup> class honours. It's therefore advisable to keep transparent audit trails relating to any decisions.

You may wish to consult the QAA website [www.qaa.ac.uk](http://www.qaa.ac.uk) to find out at which level they think it would sit on the Framework of Higher Education Qualifications. It will need to sit at Level 6, and would need to be deemed equivalent to 2<sup>nd</sup> class honours and 360 credits to be considered for bursary eligibility

Q: I did an Open University degree worth 300 credits. Can this be considered for bursary eligibility?

A: The Open University's Open degree can be awarded with or without honours. Those without honours consist of 300 credits and would therefore not be eligible for bursaries in their own right. Those that consist of 360 credits are honours degrees, and will be eligible for the bursary providing that the trainee holds a 2:2 or higher in an eligible subject. Trainees with Open degrees of 300 credits may be able to study a further 60 credit module with The Open University to convert the degree to honours, but this may not necessarily uplift the trainee's final classification to at least 2:2 which is necessary for bursary eligibility. Trainees in this position are advised to contact the Open University for advice.

### Bursary terms and conditions

Q: Will I have to pay back the bursary if I want to go back and teach where I am domiciled (outside of the UK)?

A: No, you will not have to repay the bursary. However, there is an expectation that those who undertake ITT in England will be expected to seek a teaching post in England upon completion of their training.

Q: How will funding arrangements work for the trainee – do they have to repay the bursary if they leave the course early?

A: If the trainee leaves the course we will not expect any repayment of the bursary; this will only be done when a bursary has been paid in error.

## Use of the discretionary funding pot

Q: What is a career changer?

A: Someone who is looking to enter teaching having come from another established career, such as Engineering, Law, Accountancy or Medicine. Other professions can also be considered. They do need at least a 2:2 to be considered for bursary funding.

Q: What can be included in the discretionary pot – trainees with Master's degrees?

A: Trainees with Master's degrees should be funded from a provider's standard bursary pot.

Q: Can I award a discretionary bursary to someone who's training to teach in Music?

A: The guide states that the fund can only be used for bursaries in the eligible ITT subjects as set out in Section 2, which means that providers can award higher bursaries in any eligible ITT subject.

Q: If a provider has discretion to draw upon an additional small allowance to provide additional bursaries to 'exceptional' cases, will it really be a matter for providers to judge which candidates merit additional bursaries because of the cap that is set?

A: The discretionary bursary allocation is to acknowledge trainees who have genuinely outstanding potential to teach and this is not reflected in their degree class, or anomalous cases such as overseas Masters or Doctoral degrees which cannot be matched to the UK equivalent but the provider strongly feels they should be awarded the bursary. This is to acknowledge providers' autonomy in the bursary eligibility process and also to acknowledge that a small proportion of trainees have a wealth and breadth of experience not reflected in their degree outcome.

## Scholarships

Q: How will the IoP scholarship work?

A: Trainees would apply directly to the IoP for the scholarship, and be assessed. Once successful they can apply for a Physics PGCE course before 1 September. Trainees must have accepted a place on an eligible PGCE course by 1 September 2012 in order for the scholarship to be validated. The scholarship, including membership of the IoP, will take effect from 1 September 2012 and the provider will administer the bursary, which is funded by the NCTL. If the trainee is not successful in winning the scholarship then they will still qualify for a Physics bursary at 2:1 or 1<sup>st</sup> level providing they can get onto a Physics PGCE course. NB Scholarships are also available in Chemistry, Computer Science and Mathematics for AY 13/14.

Q: Will I have to take a trainee onto my Physics course who's been awarded the scholarship, even though I don't think they would be suitable for teaching?

A: No. It is the provider's decision alone to take on whoever they feel would be suitable for teaching, and who meets the eligibility criteria. A trainee will lose their scholarship entitlement if they are unable to secure an eligible Physics PGCE place by 1 September 2012.

### Relevant academic qualifications

Q: Will a trainee (P.E) with a 2:2 and a Master's degree get a bursary?

A: PE trainee with 2:2 and a UK Masters – should get £4,000, as a Master's degree will align with the middle bursary tier, i.e. 2:1.

Q: Will a trainee (Science) with HND and a Master's degree get a bursary?

A: A Science trainee with HND and a Masters – if they are undertaking ITT in General, Combined or Applied Science, they won't get any bursary. If however they do Biology, they'll get £4,000. It has to be UK Masters level and the provider should be satisfied that the trainee meets the general entry criteria for their PGCE course.

Q: I hold a First Class BA (Honours) in Philosophy and an MA in Philosophy with Merit. What bursary would I be entitled to?

A: A trainee is assessed for bursary eligibility based on the highest relevant academic qualification that aligns with a bursary tier, linked to the subject in which they want to train to teach. So your BA in Philosophy would be taken as the most relevant qualification in this instance.

Q: I'm assuming someone with a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a Masters still counts as though they had a 2:1 and therefore could (in principle) be upgraded using the discretionary pot?

A: Someone with a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a Masters would be funded from the standard bursary pot, and not 'upgraded.' The trainee's relevant qualification is taken into account when assessing bursary eligibility. So, someone with a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a Masters would be funded at the 2:1 level. Someone with a 2:2 and a Masters would also be funded at the 2:1 level, as the Masters is the highest relevant qualification.

### **Bursary eligibility for GTP trainees**

Q: Are GTP trainees eligible for the new bursaries if they have the appropriate degree subject and level?

A: No, GTP trainees are not eligible for the bursary. Trainees in receipt of the bursary should be on an eligible PGCE route to QTS - that means one that is accredited by the TDA. It is not possible for trainees to be on a GTP route and receive a bursary

## Overseas degrees and the NARIC data

Q: There is no data for some countries. How will I know if my degree qualifies me for a bursary?

A: At the time the UK NARIC was conducted, there was insufficient information to provide a recommendation. To overcome this gap in information, UK NARIC has published a short list of the countries which it will consider on a case-by-case basis for teacher training providers should the need arise. Please contact the team at [FA.Team@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FA.Team@education.gsi.gov.uk) if the country from which you did your degree does not feature in the data.

Q: If the data table shows that overseas degree equivalence is below a 2:2 degree, does this mean the person cannot be accepted onto a course?

A: No. The research is intended specifically to establish a candidate's eligibility for funding and is not an indication of their suitability for the teaching profession or access to other employment or study.

Q: Is the research saying that some countries degree standards are inferior to those in UK universities?

A: The research does not make an assessment of other countries degree standards. The purpose of the report is to provide comparative data of overseas qualifications relating to British Bachelor (Honours) degree standard with achievement at first, 2.1 and 2.2 standards. This is to establish an individual's eligibility to receive Department for Education financial support for a mainstream postgraduate teacher training course which requires a degree standard of at least 2.2.

Q: The M1 from France is not in your document but it's the equivalent of an old Maitrise. Can I award a bursary?

A: The M1 in its own right is not equivalent to a Maitrise; the trainee would have to have done a full 2 year Masters programme to get equivalency to a UK Masters programme in which case they should be awarded the 2:1 bursary.

Trainees who exit the new Masters programme after 1 year and have gained 240 credits and have successfully completed 2 full semesters can be awarded a Maitrise on exit, and if this is the case then they may be awarded the bursary at the levels outlined in the equivalency data depending on their grade.

Q: The Diplome Universitaire isn't on your NARIC list of French qualifications. Can you tell me why not?

A: The Diplome Universitaire is not a national award in France and as such was excluded from the study, as only 'nationally recognised' awards were studied for comparison. It is organised by the individual university and the programme requirements, level and content may vary. In this instance, it would not be comparable to second class honours for the purposes of awarding a bursary.

## Other academic qualifications (UK)

Q: My applicant has a 3<sup>rd</sup> class degree and a PG Diploma. Does this mean that she can be upgraded?

A: Unfortunately the PG Diploma cannot be considered for bursary eligibility, so unless she has any other relevant higher academic qualifications such as a UK Master's or Doctoral degree then it sounds like she is not eligible in principle. Please check with the applicant as to whether she holds any other qualifications that could be considered.

Q: Should PhDs be funded from the standard or discretionary pot?

A: PhDs or professional doctorates (DBAs etc.) will come from the standard pot and so will UK Masters. The only Doctorates that would come from the discretionary pot are the overseas which haven't got comparability to UK Doctoral level.

Q: Can trainees with 3rds still get bursaries if they have a Masters or PhD?

A: Yes, the new scheme looks at a trainee's most relevant academic qualification when assessing eligibility for bursaries. However the trainee would have to be studying an eligible ITT subject.

Q: Can trainees with 3rds and extensive professional experience still get a bursary?

A: No, as the minimum requirement for a bursary is 2:2 and above. However, they may still be eligible for the package of grants, fee loans and maintenance loans available from the Student Loans Company, and so should be able to access an ITT course, as long as they have a first degree.

Q: What if a trainee has 2 first undergraduate degrees and one is a 3<sup>rd</sup>?

A: The degree with the highest outcome should be used for assessing bursary eligibility.

## Eligibility for overseas trainees

Q: I am not an EU national. I have been studying in the UK for the past 5 years and have been paying my tuition fees at overseas rates. I would appreciate if you could let me know if I am eligible for the bursaries, otherwise if there are any other funding available for my current status. Other advice you could give would be helpful, too.

A: If you are not 'home' or 'EU status', i.e. you don't meet the residency criteria as the purpose of your stay in the UK over the last 3 years has been to receive full-time education, then you will most likely not be eligible for the bursary. You may wish to verify this though with the [UK Council for International Student Affairs](#), to determine your fee status.

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