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Financial support during your teacher training.

There's lots of financial support available to help you train to be a teacher. Depending on your degree class and the subject you want to teach, you could be eligible for a generous tax-free bursary or scholarship. You can apply for a tuition fee loan so you do not need to pay the fee upfront, as well as a maintenance loan to support your living costs. Additional financial support is also available if you're a parent, or have a disability or adult dependant. For more information on eligibility and funding visit: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training>

Funding

This leaflet outlines the funding available for trainees on eligible postgraduate courses in England, who are not on a salaried training programme or otherwise employed as an unqualified teacher.

Salaried trainees are not eligible for bursaries, scholarships or student loans as you'll earn a salary while you train.

Training Bursaries in England

Bursaries are available for trainees who are not employed as a teacher and who are on eligible postgraduate courses in England. Bursary amounts will vary depending on your teaching subject and degree class or highest relevant academic qualification.

Bursary amounts for 2019/20 teacher training are outlined in this leaflet. For further information visit: <https://education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding>.

If you have been awarded a degree from outside the UK then you can talk to your chosen training provider regarding your eligibility or visit: **GOV.UK**.

If you're passionate about your subject and have the potential to be an inspirational teacher you could apply for a scholarship to support your training. Scholarships are awarded to the most gifted trainees in physics, maths, chemistry, computing, languages or geography in partnership with highly regarded professional subject associations. To be eligible for a scholarship, you should have at least a 2:1 degree or above. You can still apply if you have a 2:2, but you'll need to provide evidence of significant relevant experience. Scholarships are awarded in place of a bursary. Applications for a scholarship are made with the awarding body and are subject to a competitive process. For further details of scholarships, please visit: www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding

The financial offer for maths

	Eligibility 2019/2020 ¹		
	Trainee with 1st, 2:1, 2:2, PhD or Master's	Early-career payments ²	Total ²
Maths ²	£20,000 bursary	£10,000	£30,000
	£22,000 scholarship ³		£32,000

The scholarships and bursaries for other subjects

	Eligibility 2019/2020 ¹	
	Scholarships ³	Bursaries
		Trainee with 1st, 2:1, 2:2, PhD or Master's
Physics	£28,000	£26,000
Chemistry	£28,000	£26,000
Languages ⁴	£28,000 ⁵	£26,000
Computing	£28,000	£26,000
Geography	£28,000	£26,000
Biology	-	£26,000
Classics ⁶	-	£26,000
English	-	£15,000
D&T, History	-	£12,000
Music, RE	-	£9,000
Primary with maths ⁷	-	£6,000

1. Bursaries and scholarships are available to trainees on a fee-based teacher training course in England that leads to the award of qualified teacher status. Availability is dependent on your highest relevant academic award and the subject in which you are training to teach. To receive a bursary or scholarship you must be entitled to support under the Student Finance England criteria which can be found on GOV.UK. Residents of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will need to be entitled for support as set out by your country's student finance body (Student Finance Wales, Student Awards Agency Scotland or Student Finance NI). Both elements will be assessed by your teacher training provider. If you have a degree from outside the UK, you should refer to the overseas degree equivalency table on GOV.UK. to see the bursary your degree may attract. You can also contact your training provider for clarification on your degree's equivalency and your eligibility for a bursary and student finance.

2. You could receive £30k or £32k in total - £20k as a tax-free bursary or £22k scholarship with additional payments of £10k after tax once in teaching. You'll need to have completed a non-salaried teacher training course and received a bursary or scholarship in the academic years 2018/19 or 2019/2020. You'll receive two additional early-career payments of £5k each in your third and fifth year of teaching - enhancements to these payments are available if you teach in specified areas in England. You must have taught in a state-funded school in England since completing your teacher training course. View the full terms and conditions online at GOV.UK.
3. Trainees in physics, maths, languages, chemistry, geography and computing with a 2:1 or above are able to apply for a teacher training scholarship with the appropriate professional body. You can still apply if you have a 2:2, but you'll need to provide evidence of significant relevant experience. Scholarships are awarded in place of a bursary.
4. Bursaries are available for trainees in French, German and Spanish. They are also available for other modern, community or ancient languages. The full list of eligible languages can be found online at GOV.UK.
5. Languages scholarships are only available if you train to teach French, German or Spanish.
6. Bursaries are available to trainees on a classics course where the course is in an ancient language (Latin or Ancient Greek).
7. Bursaries are available to trainees on primary with maths courses with at least grade B maths A level or equivalent.

Tuition Fees in England

If you are on a postgraduate teacher training course that is not salaried, you will have to pay tuition fees. The amount you will pay varies depending on the criteria outlined by your chosen course and provider. You should contact the school or teacher training provider you are interested in to obtain details of the fees charged.

Tuition fee loans in England

Home and EU students may be eligible for a tuition fee loan to cover the cost of tuition fees charged. This is available through Student Finance England. Visit: www.gov.uk/student-finance

1. With or without a bursary or scholarship, you could be eligible to receive a tuition fee and maintenance loan to help fund your teacher training and support you with living costs.
2. Once you've accepted your place on a non-salaried postgraduate teacher training course, you can apply for a tuition fee and maintenance loan via Student Finance England, and the extra financial support they provide if you're a parent, or have a disability or adult dependant.
3. There is no need for trainees to repay their tuition fee or maintenance loans immediately. Tuition fee and maintenance loan repayments commence once you start earning above the threshold of £25,000*. Grants, bursaries and allowances you don't have to pay back.

EU nationals applying for teacher training in 2018/19 and 2019/20 will still be eligible for a tax-free bursary or scholarship and a tuition fee loan. Under current rules, EU nationals can access this support if they have resided in the European Economic Area or Switzerland throughout the three-year period before the start of the course. For more information, visit GOV.UK.

Teachers' Student Loan Reimbursement

As a computing, language or science teacher, you could benefit from the Teachers' Student Loan Reimbursement scheme, depending on location*

To further encourage and reward languages and science teachers to teach in specific areas of England, the Teachers' Student Loan Reimbursement pilot will pay back your student loan repayments for up to 10 years. From September 2018, if you start teacher training, or are in years 1 to 5 of your career in the 25 participating local authorities, you could be eligible for the Teachers' Student Loan Reimbursement scheme. To be eligible you'll need to have made student loan repayments via PAYE to the Student Loans Company and teach languages, physics, biology, chemistry or computing in a state-funded school in the 25 participating local authorities. To get more information, please visit: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training>

Maintenance loan

Students may be eligible for a Maintenance Loan of up to **£11,354** to help towards accommodation and other living costs. Amounts awarded are dependent on both your household income and whether you're living with your parents.

A minimum loan is available to all trainees, regardless of household income, if you're living inside of London this could be £5,654, or £4,054 outside of London.

Tuition fees and any other financial support you might receive will depend on your status as a home, EU/EEA or overseas student. Find out more information on **GOV.UK**.

Both tuition fee loans and maintenance loans are available through Student Finance England. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-online-for-student-finance>

Additional funding

If you're on a non-salaried course, you could access further funding to support your journey into teaching. You can use the student finance calculator on GOV.UK. to estimate student loans and extra funding that may be available, for instance Parents' Learning Allowance, Childcare Grants or Child Tax Credits. If you're on a salaried course, you can estimate any in-work benefits by using the calculator on **GOV.UK**.

To explore options for further financial support please visit: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training>

Earn a salary while you train

Trainees on salaried programmes are recruited and employed directly by schools, and may continue teaching in their school following training. Both Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeships and Schools Direct routes result in Qualified Teacher Status.

Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeships

A group of experienced schools and teachers have led the design of this postgraduate teacher training course. This programme offers a combination of classroom teaching, practical learning and a salary.

Salaried courses

Similar to the postgraduate teaching apprenticeship, you'll have the opportunity to earn a salary and train to become a qualified teacher. On a School Direct (salaried) course you'll be paid and taxed as an unqualified teacher. To work out which route would be best for your circumstances, compare the bursary rate for your chosen subject with the salary on offer via School Direct (salaried) and see which one is most suitable for your individual circumstances.

For more information visit: [education.gov.uk/courses](https://www.education.gov.uk/courses)

For more information about becoming a teacher search Get Into Teaching or call the Get Into Teaching Line on **Freephone 0800 389 2500**

Find the latest information on financial support at www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding

*Subject to eligibility.

**Conditions apply. For more details visit www.gov.uk/repaying-your-student-loan

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