



Financial support
for teacher training.
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your options.



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The Department for Education wants to ensure that all candidates have the best chance possible to access teacher training. The full cost of course fees can be up to £9,250. 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 full details of the fees charged.

Funding your training

There are three types of funding available for teacher training and depending on your circumstances, you could receive all three:

1. Tax-free bursary or scholarship
2. Tuition Fee Loan and Maintenance Loan
3. Extra financial support if you're a parent, have an adult dependant or a disability

Tax-free bursaries and scholarships.

Bursaries

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.

For further information on eligibility, visit: www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/

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Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to the most gifted trainees in physics, maths, chemistry, computing, languages or geography in partnership with highly regarded professional subject associations. As well as financial support, you'll enjoy a range of prestigious benefits, including:

- free membership from the professional subject associations awarding the scholarship
- access to resources and events to support you through your training
- support to improve your teaching practice and subject knowledge
- networking opportunities from a community of like-minded scholars

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 to the awarding body and are subject to a competitive process.

Tuition Fee Loans and Maintenance Fee Loans in England.

There's plenty of financial support available to help you during your training year.

- A Tuition Fee Loan is available to cover course costs – if you take one out, you don't have to pay your course costs upfront.
- A Maintenance Loan is available to help with living costs.
- It doesn't matter if you already have a student loan – you can still apply for both these loans to support your teacher training.
- You will only start making repayments when you begin earning over the repayment threshold.
- If you have a student loan already, taking out a further loan for your teacher training will not see your monthly repayments increase.

Eligibility

Both Tuition Fee Loans and Maintenance Loans are available through Student Finance England. You can also contact them to apply for the extra financial support they provide if you're a parent, have a disability or have an adult dependant.

Tuition fees and any other financial support you might receive will depend on your status as a home, EU/EEA or overseas student.

Residents of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will need to apply for this support via your country's student finance body (Student Finance Wales, Student Awards Agency Scotland or Student Finance NI).

Tuition Fee Loans in England

If you are on a non-salaried teacher training course, you won't have to pay the cost of tuition fees up front. You can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the full cost of your course, which is paid directly to your training provider from Student Finance England. Tuition Fee Loans aren't means tested, so regardless of your household income you should be able to claim the full amount for your course fees.

For more information visit:
www.gov.uk/student-finance

Maintenance Loans in England

Students may be eligible for a Maintenance Loan of up to £11,672 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 will be £5,812 and if you're living outside of London it will be £4,168, or £3,314 if you're living at home. Find out more information on GOV.UK.

Loan repayments

Your loan repayments depend on how much you earn, not on how much you have borrowed.

1. If you have no previous student loans and take one out for your teacher training course, you'll only start repaying when your salary exceeds £25,725.
2. If you already have a student loan from 2012 or later and take out a further loan for your teacher training, you'll only start repaying when your salary exceeds £25,725 – and your repayments will not increase if you take out a new loan for teacher training.
3. If you took out a student loan before 2012 and/or have a postgraduate loan, you will only start making repayments when you are earning above the pre-2012 repayment threshold (£18,330) or postgraduate repayment threshold (£21,000) – and your repayments will not increase if you take out a new loan for teacher training.

Extra financial support.

Student finance and in-work benefits

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.

Teachers' Student Loan Reimbursement Scheme

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 Scheme will pay back your student loan repayments for up to 10 years.

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. For more information, visit: www.gov.uk/guidance/teachers-student-loan-reimbursement-guidance-for-teachers-and-schools

Salaried teacher training

If receiving on the job training while you earn a salary appeals to you, there are a number of opportunities to apply for a salaried teacher training course:

- Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeships
- School Direct (Salaried)

Trainees on salaried courses are recruited and employed directly by schools and may continue teaching in their school following training. Both courses will award QTS, the cost of which is covered by the school – check with your training provider to find out if this also includes a PGCE and/or Master's-level credits.

You'll be paid and taxed as an unqualified teacher. The salary awarded will differ between schools; you should check the salary with the school before you apply for a salaried course.

The financial offer for chemistry, maths, languages or physics

	Eligibility 2020/2021 ¹		
	Trainee with 1st, 2:1, 2:2, PhD or Master's	Early-career payments ²	Total ²
Chemistry, maths languages, or physics	£26,000 bursary	£6,000	£32,000
	£28,000 scholarship ³		£34,000

The scholarships and bursaries for other subjects

	Eligibility 2020/2021 ¹	
	Scholarships ³	Bursaries Trainee with 1st, 2:1, 2:2, PhD or Master's
Computing	£28,000	£26,000
Biology	-	£26,000
Classics ⁴	-	£26,000
Geography	£17,000	£15,000
D&T	-	£15,000
English	-	£12,000
History, RE, business studies	-	£9,000
Art & design, music	-	£9,000
Primary with maths ⁵	-	£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. 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. Candidates with overseas degrees, may be asked to formally recognise any overseas qualifications through UK NARIC. We can help you with this. Contact us on 0800 389 2500 and we can provide you with guidance on your equivalent qualifications and a free UK NARIC statement of comparability (this usually costs £49.50 plus VAT) once you've submitted your application to teacher training, if required by your training provider.
2. You could receive £32k or £34k in total - £26k as a tax-free bursary or £28k scholarship with additional payments of £6k 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 year 2020/21. You'll receive three additional early-career payments of £2k each in your second, third and fourth 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 here: www.gov.uk/guidance/mathematics-early-career-payments-guidance-for-teachers-and-schools
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. Languages scholarships are only available if you train to teach French, German or Spanish.
4. Bursaries are available to trainees on a classics course where the course is in an ancient language (Latin or Ancient Greek).
5. Bursaries are available to trainees on primary with maths courses with at least grade B maths A level or equivalent.