

Introduction to teacher training

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Why train to teach?

The rewards of teaching

- Go home each day knowing you've made a difference.
- Use your passion for your subject to inspire them.
- Make a difference in your community.
- A career where no two days are the same.

The rewards of teaching

- A competitive starting salary.
- As a trainee teacher you'll get great support, including a mentor to build your confidence.
- A further two years of extra support as an early career teacher, including time out of the classroom for development.
- The teachers' pension scheme, one of the most generous in the country.
- More days holiday than many other professions.

Financial support

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

**Tax-free
bursary or
scholarship.**

**Tuition fee
loan and
maintenance
loan.**

**Extra financial
support if you're
a parent, have
an adult
dependant or a
disability.**

Or you could earn a salary while you train on a School Direct (salaried) course or postgraduate teaching apprenticeship (PGTA).

How can I train to teach?

Teacher training courses

- Usually take a year full-time to complete.
- Include plenty of classroom experience in at least two schools – a minimum of 24 weeks of school experience.
- Offer training to meet the Teachers' Standards, which will include classroom management and making your subject accessible to your pupils
- Provide expert academic and practical guidance from mentors and tutors who are there to help you succeed.
- In addition to qualified teacher status (QTS) most courses will also offer a post graduate certificate in education (PGCE).

Finding the right teacher training course

- Use the search tool on GOV.UK to find available courses. Search: Find postgraduate teacher training
- Training courses might be provided by a university, a school or a group of schools.
- You can find out about individual course providers in more detail via their websites.

What do I need to train to teach?

Minimum entry requirements

GCSE grade C/grade 4 (or standard equivalent) in maths and English - and a science subject if you want to teach primary.

A UK undergraduate degree or a recognised equivalent qualification.

Subject knowledge enhancement (SKE)

- SKE courses top up or refresh your existing subject knowledge
- they usually last between 8-28 weeks
- you could be eligible for a bursary to complete the course
- your training provider will identify if you need to take one as part of their selection process, usually at interview

School experience

Getting classroom experience can help you to decide whether teaching is right for you - it could also strengthen your application.

**Talk to
teachers about
day-to-day
school life.**

**Observe
teaching and
pastoral work.**

**Watch a range
of lessons and
age groups
being taught.**

Remember to keep a reflective diary with you. Write about your observations. This information will be useful for your personal statement.

Search: Get school experience service on GOV.UK

How and when to apply

- Apply early, as course providers will fill their places as people apply throughout the year.
- You can apply via the GOV.UK service called Apply for teacher training.

Personal statement

- Your personal statement should convey energy, enthusiasm and a passion for teaching.
- Explain your reasons for wanting to teach – and, more specifically, why you'll enjoy teaching your chosen subject and/or age group.
- What qualities do you have that will work well in the classroom – communication, organisation and creativity are all important skills.
- What have you learnt during any school experience placements and how this has influenced your application?
- Explain how previous studies and work experience relate to your chosen subject or age group.

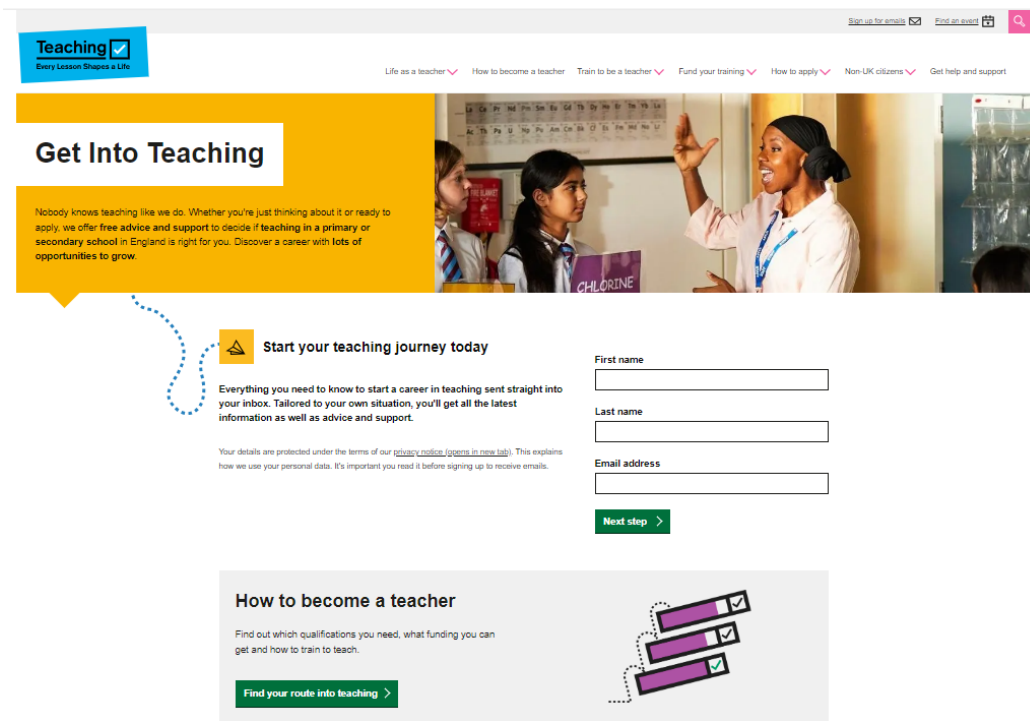
Advice and support

Teacher Training Advisers

- A free service that provides you with additional support when preparing and applying for teacher training.
- A dedicated adviser who is an experienced teacher and knows the teacher training process inside out.
- Practical advice and guidance at each stage of your application, from writing your personal statement to preparing for interviews.
- Information about any financial support you may be entitled to.
- To sign up visit the [Get Into Teaching](#) website.

Further information and advice

Search “get into teaching” to visit the website or call on 0800 389 2500 to speak to the support team.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Teaching website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Sign up for emails', 'Find an event', and a search icon. Below this is a header with the 'Teaching' logo and the tagline 'Every Lesson Shapes a Life'. A main banner features the text 'Get Into Teaching' and a description of the service. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'Start your teaching journey today' with a form for signing up. The form includes fields for 'First name', 'Last name', and 'Email address', followed by a 'Next step' button. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'How to become a teacher' with a 'Find your route into teaching' button.

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