

# Maynooth University Career Development Centre Post-Primary Teaching (U.K.) 2016

PGCE Entry Requirements:	Degree or recognised equivalent qualification	
<i>England, Wales &amp; N Ire:</i>	Leaving Certificate Ordinary Grade C (Grade B if applying in Wales) in English and Mathematics– check with individual colleges for specific requirements.	
<i>Scotland:</i>	Leaving Certificate English (Grade HC3), Mathematics (Grade OB3) or equivalent. – Check with individual colleges for specific requirements. If you do not hold the Leaving Certificate requirements, some institutions may offer special equivalence tests – check with individual colleges. School based observation (minimum 2 days) is expected. Observation in a number of schools is preferred. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate relevance of their degree to the Curriculum.	
Application:	<i>England &amp; Wales :</i>	Centralised application through UCAS Teacher Training <a href="http://wwwucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training">http://wwwucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training</a>
	<i>Scotland</i>	Centralised application through UCAS Undergraduate <a href="http://wwwucas.com">http://wwwucas.com</a>
	<i>Northern Ireland:</i>	Individual applications for courses in Northern Ireland. See overleaf for closing date and contact details.
Application Fee:	<b>England/Wales</b> £23 Sterling	<b>Scotland</b> €12 for one course <b>or</b> €23 for up to 5 choices
Closing Date:	Applications open from 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2015. England/Wales - There is no closing date. Some courses will fill up quickly so it is advisable to apply early. Scotland: closing date 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	
Funding/Fees:	<b>Training bursaries are offered for PGCE courses in England and Wales – amount offered depends on your subjects and the standard of your degree.</b> <b>ENGLAND - See <a href="http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding.aspx">http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding.aspx</a></b> <b>WALES – See <a href="http://teachertrainingcymru.org/node/16">http://teachertrainingcymru.org/node/16</a></b>	
	Tuition fees of up to £9,000. Students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland can apply to the Student Loan Company to pay these fees directly to university initially. This is then payable to Student Loan Company, on completion of the course, once the newly qualified teacher is working and earning more than a specified amount “repayment threshold”. See <a href="https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/loans-and-grants">https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/loans-and-grants</a> and <a href="http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/education-and-learning/higher-education/student-finance/students-from-other-eu-countries/how-to-apply-for-finance-eu-students.htm">http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/education-and-learning/higher-education/student-finance/students-from-other-eu-countries/how-to-apply-for-finance-eu-students.htm</a> for further details. For details of funding in Scotland see <a href="http://www.saas.gov.uk">www.saas.gov.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms/previous_study.pdf">http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms/previous_study.pdf</a> (page 6 PGDE concession)	
Skills Tests (England/Wales)	Online Skills Tests in Literacy and Numeracy must be completed before you start your course <a href="http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/careers/traininganddevelopment/professional/">http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/careers/traininganddevelopment/professional/</a>	
Routes:	While there are a number of routes (university based and school based) leading to qualification as a Post-Primary teacher in the UK, in order to be eligible to register with the Irish Teaching Council, it is important that the route you choose provides both an academic qualification, referred to as the Postgraduate/Professional Certificate in Education PGCE (England/Wales) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Scotland) <b>AND</b> Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). For routes into teaching e.g. <a href="http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching">Teach First</a> – see <a href="http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching">http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching</a> and <a href="http://www.teachinscotland.org/getintoteaching/index.asp">http://www.teachinscotland.org/getintoteaching/index.asp</a>	
Returning to Ireland	<b>Qualifications gained outside Ireland must be assessed by the Irish Teaching Council and must be similar to standard of qualification/amount of teaching practice hours completed by those completing teacher education in Ireland. From September 2014 there will be significant shortfalls in the comparison of qualifications obtained in the UK versus Irish teacher education qualifications. For further details contact <a href="mailto:info@teachingcouncil.ie">info@teachingcouncil.ie</a></b>	
<b>PGCE Applications:</b>	<b>Research</b>	
Go to	<a href="http://wwwucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training">http://wwwucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training</a> or <a href="http://wwwucas.com">wwwucas.com</a>	
<b>Finding Courses</b>	1) CDC website Explore Careers section – <a href="http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources/explore-careers/education">http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources/explore-careers/education</a> and websites of colleges/courses of interest – this will also help with interview preparation	
1) Register on UCAS website	2) Use UK Dept of Education <a href="http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/help-with-your-interview.aspx">Application Form Assistant</a>	
2) Click on Course Search and Search for your subject	3) Attend Career Talks (i) Information on Teacher Education (ii) Completing Teaching Application Forms. Handouts here- <a href="http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources">http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources</a> and <a href="http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/events">http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/events</a>	
3) Consider college location i.e. near airport/ferry ports	4) Interview tips and preparation guidelines - <a href="http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/help-with-your-interview.aspx">http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/help-with-your-interview.aspx</a>	
4) Check that you meet general <b>AND</b> college specific entry requirements		
5) Apply to 3 colleges for Post-Primary Teaching		
<b>Application Procedure</b>		
6) Click on Apply for on-line Application Form		
7) Contact academic referee, explain that you are applying for Teacher training in the UK. <b>Ask permission to list him/her as a referee</b>		

## Useful Contact Details

### Applications

✉ UCAS Teacher Training  
Rosehill  
New Barn Lane  
Cheltenham  
Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ  
www: <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training>

### UCAS TEACHER TRAINING CUSTOMER SERVICE

☎ 0044 871468 0469

### Information

England Department of Education  
www <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching>  
<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Scotland Scottish Government Learning Directorate  
☎ 0044 131 244 7930  
✉ [enquiries@educationscotland.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@educationscotland.gov.uk)  
www <http://www.teachinscotland.org/>

Wales Teacher Training & Education in Wales  
www <http://www.teachertrainingcymru.org/home>

### Funding

England Student Finance Service European Team,  
☎ 0044 141 243 3660  
<http://www.slc.co.uk/contact/customer-enquiries.aspx>  
www: <http://slc.co.uk>

Bursaries:  
www: [www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding](http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding)

Scotland  
✉ Students Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)  
☎ 0044 0300 555 0505 (option 2)  
✉ <http://www.saas.gov.uk/contactUs/go.jsp>  
www: <http://www.saas.gov.uk>

Wales  
Student Finance Service European Team,  
☎ 0044 141 243 3660  
<http://www.slc.co.uk/contact/customer-enquiries.aspx>  
www: <http://slc.co.uk>

Bursaries  
www: <http://teachertrainingcymru.org/node/16>

### Northern Ireland

**N.B. Joint UU /QUB /St Mary's University College [PGCE Irish Medium in various subjects.](#)**

✉ The Admissions Office  
University of Ulster at Coleraine  
Cromore Road  
Coleraine BT52 1SA  
☎ 004428 7032 4221  
✉ [socsci@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:socsci@ulster.ac.uk)  
www: <http://www.ulster.ac.uk/edu/pgce-post-primary>  
Closing Date: varies depending on subject -check with college

✉ School of Education  
Queen's University  
69/71 University Street  
Belfast BT7 1HL  
☎ 004428 9097 5941  
✉ [education@qub.ac.uk](mailto:education@qub.ac.uk)  
www: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofEducation/>  
Closing Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015

✉ The Open University  
110 Victoria Street  
Belfast BT1 3GN  
☎ 01 678 5399 (Ask for Northern Ireland PGCE Section)  
☎ 004428 9032 3722  
✉ [ireland@open.ac.uk](mailto:ireland@open.ac.uk)  
www: <http://www.open.ac.uk/northern-ireland/>  
Monthly Intake – Applications accepted on an on-going basis.  
● N.B. Students are required to have an address in Northern Ireland and Teaching Placements must take place in schools within Northern Ireland, England or Wales.

The OU system is adaptable and will offer add-ons if you are missing any subject entry requirements

*Every effort is made to ensure that information is correct at time of going to print but it is essential to check all details at source before making decisions.*

✉ Department of Education for Northern Ireland (DENI)  
Rathgael House,  
43 Balloo Road,  
Bangor  
Co. Down BT19 7PR  
☎ 004428 9127 9279  
✉ [mail@deni.gov.uk](mailto:mail@deni.gov.uk)  
www: <http://www.deni.gov.uk>

### Ireland – Recognition of EU Qualifications

EC Directive 89/48: recognised primary school teachers in any other member state may seek similar recognition in this state.  
**Applicants must be fully qualified in the jurisdiction in which they trained – in UK this means completing teacher education programme (PGCE) AND Induction Year.**  
**From 2014 -main shortfalls relate to number of credits taken, amount of supervised teaching hours as well as the History and Structure of the Irish Education System.**

Full details from:

✉ Teaching Council  
Block A  
Maynooth Business Campus,  
Maynooth,  
Co. Kildare  
☎ (01) 651 7900  
✉ [info@teachingcouncil.ie](mailto:info@teachingcouncil.ie)  
www: <http://www.teachingcouncil.ie>

### UK Teaching Councils

England [Department of Education](#)  
Wales <http://www.gtcw.org.uk>  
Scotland <http://www.gtcs.org.uk>  
Northern Ireland <http://www.gtcni.org.uk/>

### Additional Useful Websites

#### National Curriculum

England <http://www.direct.gov.uk>  
Wales <http://www.accac.org.uk>  
Scotland <http://www.ltscotland.org.uk>  
Northern Ireland <http://ccea.org.uk/curriculum>

Department of Education & Skills (Ireland)  
<http://www.education.ie>

*© 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015, Maynooth University Career Development Centre. No part of this publication should be reproduced without acknowledgment of source*