

PGCE Entry Requirements:	Degree or recognised equivalent qualification
<i>England, Wales & N Ire:</i>	Leaving Certificate Ordinary Grade C (Grade B if applying in Wales) in English and Mathematics and a Grade C in Science subject – check with individual colleges for specific requirements.
<i>Scotland:</i>	Leaving Certificate English (Grade HC3), Mathematics (Grade OB3) or equivalent. 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 weeks) is expected. Observation in a number of schools is preferred. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate relevance of their degree to the Primary School Curriculum.
Application:	<i>England & Wales:</i> Centralised application through UCAS Teacher Training http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training <i>Scotland</i> Centralised application through UCAS Undergraduate http://www.ucas.com <i>Northern Ireland:</i> Individual applications for courses in Northern Ireland. See overleaf for closing date and contact details.
Application Fee:	England/Wales £23 Sterling Scotland €12 for one course or €23 for up to 5 choices
Closing Date:	Applications open from 26 th October 2015. England/Wales - There is no closing date. Some courses will fill up quickly so it is advisable to apply early
Funding/Fees:	Training bursaries are offered for PGCE courses in England and Wales – amount offered depends on your subjects and the standard of your degree ENGLAND - See http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding.aspx WALES – See http://teachertrainingcymru.org/node/16
Fees:	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 https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/loans-and-grants and 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 for further details. For details of funding in Scotland see www.saas.gov.uk and http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms/previous_study.pdf (page 6 PGDE concession)
Skills Tests (England/Wales)	Online Skills Tests in Literacy and Numeracy must be completed before you start your course http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/careers/traininganddevelopment/professional/
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) AND Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). For routes into teaching e.g. Teach First – see http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching and http://www.teachinscotland.org/getintoteaching/index.asp
Returning to Ireland	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 info@teachingcouncil.ie
PGCE Applications:	10) Ask permission to list him/her as a referee – let him/her know that you are using on-line application
England/Wales -Go to http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training	Application Materials
Scotland -Go to https://www.ucas.com/	11) Look at <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC website - Explore Careers section – https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources/explore-careers/education#primaryuk • Websites of colleges/courses of interest – this will also help with interview preparation
Finding Courses	12) Use Dept of Education Application Form Assistant
1) Register on UCAS website	13) Attend Career Talks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Information on Teacher Education b) Completing Teaching Application Forms
2) Click on Course Search	https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources (Click Career Centre Presentations) and http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/events
3) Search for General Primary (not Upper Primary or Lower Primary)	
4) Consider college location i.e. near airport/ferry ports	
5) Check that you meet general AND college specific entry requirements	
6) Apply to 3 colleges for Primary Teaching	
Application Procedure	
7) On-Line Applications for Entry 2016	
8) Click on Apply for on-line Application Form	
9) Contact academic referee, explain that you are applying for Teacher Training in the UK	

N.B. Interviews will be held in the U.K. either before or after Christmas
Interview tips and preparation guidelines - <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/help-with-your-interview.aspx>

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
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

Scotland

✉ Students Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)
☎ 0044 0300 555 0505 (option 2)
✉ <https://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

✉ The Admissions Office
University of Ulster at Coleraine
Cromore Road
Coleraine BT52 1SA
☎ 004428 7032 4221
✉ socsci@ulster.ac.uk
www: <http://www.ulster.ac.uk/edu/pgce-primary/>
Closing Date: 10th November 2015

PGCE in Early Years (3-8 age)

✉ Academic Registry
Stranmillis University College
Belfast BT9 5DY
☎ 004428 9038 4263
✉ registry@stran.ac.uk
www: <http://www.stran.ac.uk>
Closing Date: Early Feb 2016 (tbc – check with college)

PGCE Primary (Irish Medium)

✉ Admissions
St. Mary's University College
191 Falls Road
Belfast BT12 6FE
☎ 004428 90268320
✉ admis@smucb.ac.uk
www: <http://www.smucb.ac.uk>
Closing Date: February 2016 (tbc – check with college)

✉ Department of Education for Northern Ireland (DENI)
☎ 004428 9127 9279
✉ mail@deni.gov.uk
www: <http://www.deni.gov.uk>

Funding Northern Ireland

www: <http://www.studentfinanceneni.co.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. Those returning will also have to sit an Irish Exam (SCG)

Full details from:

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

✉ Irish Language Requirement Office
SCG (Aptitude Test) or OCG (Adaptation Period)
Marino Institute of Education,
Griffith Avenue,
Dublin 9.
☎ 01 – 8535143 / 8535134
✉ scginfo@mie.ie
✉ ocginfo@mie.ie
www: www.ilrweb.ie

UK Teaching Councils

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

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