

PGCE Entry Requirements: Degree or recognised equivalent qualification
England, Wales & N Ire: Leaving Certificate Ordinary Grade C (Grade B if applying in Wales) in English and Mathematics – check with individual colleges for specific requirements.
Scotland: 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: *England & Wales:* Centralised application through UCAS Teacher Training
<http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training>
Scotland Centralised application through UCAS Undergraduate
<http://www.ucas.com>
Northern Ireland: Individual applications for courses in Northern Ireland. See overleaf for closing date and contact details.

Application Fee: **England/Wales** £24 Sterling for up to 3 courses **Scotland** £13 for one course or £24 for up to 5 choices
 Closing Date: Applications open from mid October 2017. England/Wales - There is no closing date. Some courses will fill up quickly so it is advisable to apply early
 Scotland: closing date 15th January 2018

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>

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/> and <https://www.ucas.com/connect/blogs/professional-skills-tests>

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 see <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching> and <http://teachinScotland.scot/>

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 see <http://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/Registration/Registration-with-Conditions/> and contact info@teachingcouncil.ie**

PGCE Applications:
England/Wales -Go to <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training>
Scotland -Go to <http://www.ucas.com>

Application Procedure
 ! Click on Apply for on-line Application Form

Finding Courses
 ! England/Wales – UCAS Teacher Training. Scotland- UCAS Undergraduate
 ! Click on Course Search
 ! Search for your preferred subject
 ! Consider college location i.e. near airport/ferry ports
 ! Check that you meet general **AND** college/subject specific entry requirements

! Contact your academic referee, explain that you are applying for Teacher training in the UK. **Ask permission to list him/her as a referee**
Review/Research
 ! CDC website Explore Careers section – <http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources/explore-careers/education> and websites of colleges/courses of interest – this will also help with interview preparation

<http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources>

(Click Careers Presentations)

! Use UK Dept. of Education [Application Form Assistant](#)

! 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

www:

https://www.saas.gov.uk/full_time/ug/eu/funding_available.htm

Wales

Student Finance Service
European Team,
! 0044 141 243 3660

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](#) – applications to UU or QUB depending on subject.

! The Admissions Office
University of Ulster at
Coleraine

Cromore Road
Coleraine BT52 1SA

! 004428 7032 4221

! socsci@ulster.ac.uk

www: <https://www.ulster.ac.uk>

Closing Date: 10th January 2018

! School of Social Sciences,
Education & Social Work

Queen's University
69/71 University Street

Belfast BT7 1HL

! 004428 9097 5941

! education@qub.ac.uk

www:

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/ssesw>

Closing Date: 1st November 2017

! Department of Education for
Northern Ireland

(DENI)
Rathgael House,
43 Balloo Road,

Bangor
Co. Down BT19 7PR

! 004428 9127 9279

! mail@deni.gov.uk

www: <http://www.deni.gov.uk>

Funding Northern Ireland

www

<http://www.studentfinancenai.co.uk>

Applications

! UCAS Teacher Training
Rosehill
New Barn Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ

www: <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training>

Register to apply for courses in Scotland

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/register>

Register to apply for courses in England/Wales

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training/register>

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

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

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<https://www.saas.gov.uk/contact.htm>

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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

www: <http://www.teachingcouncil.ie>

UK Teaching Councils

England [Department for Education](#)

Wales <http://www.ewc.wales>

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.gov.scot>

Northern Ireland

<http://ccea.org.uk/curriculum>

Department of Education & Skills
(Ireland)

<http://www.education.ie>

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