



Post-Primary Teaching (UK) Entry 2020

Entry Requirements

Ordinary Grade C (England)/Grade B (Wales) in English and Mathematics – check with individual colleges for specific requirements.

England - [Entry requirements](#)

Wales - [Entry Requirements](#)

Scotland - [Entry Requirements](#)

GCSE equates to Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate and [qualification equivalents](#).

If you do not hold the Leaving Certificate requirements, some institutions may offer special equivalence tests – check with individual colleges

Additional Entry Requirements -

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- [UCAS Teacher Training](#)

Application Fee - £25 Sterling (tbc) for up to 3 courses

Applications open from mid October. There is no closing date.

Some courses will fill up quickly, it is advisable to apply early.

Scotland

Centralised application- [UCAS Undergraduate](#)

Application Fee - £20 for one course or £25 for up to 5 choices

Closing date 15th January 2020.

Northern Ireland

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Applications

Individual applications to universities for courses in Northern Ireland.

University of Ulster (Coleraine) - PGCE Post-Primary

Closing Date: 31st December 2019

Queen's University, Belfast - PCGE Post-Primary

Closing Date: 1st November 2019

PGCE Irish Medium in various subjects

Funding Information (Northern Ireland)

Routes into Teaching

While there are a number of routes (university based and school based) leading to qualification as a Post-Primary teacher in the UK, to be eligible to register with the Irish Teaching Council, the route you choose must provide both an academic qualification, e.g. Postgraduate/Professional Certificate in Education PGCE (England/Wales) / 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. There may be shortfalls in the comparison of qualifications obtained in the UK versus Irish teacher education qualifications. For further details see [Teaching Council Registration with conditions](#) or email info@teachingcouncil.ie

Making Applications

[England/Wales](#)

[Scotland](#) and [How to Apply](#)

Finding Courses

Eng/Wales – [UCAS Teacher Training](#). Scotland- [UCAS Undergraduate](#)

Click on Course Search

Search for your subject

Check that you meet general AND college specific entry requirements

Application Procedure

Click on "Apply" for on-line Application Form and follow instructions
Contact academic referee and ask permission to list him/her as a referee

Additional Information

Websites of colleges/courses of interest – will also help with interview prep.

[Career Development Centre Useful Resources \(Career Presentations\)](#)

[Use Dept for Education Application Form Assistant](#)

[Interview tips and preparation guidelines](#) - Interviews usually held in the U.K.

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.
Find out more here - [ENGLAND / WALES](#)

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. This is 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". Find out more - <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/loans-and-grants> and [Northern Ireland - EU Finance / Funding in Scotland](#)

Useful Links

[Career Development Centre Education Careers](#)

[gradireland Teaching & Education Careers](#)

[The Teaching Council](#)

[Department of Education & Science](#)

UCAS

[Discover Teaching Wales](#)

[Teaching in Scotland](#)

[Information – England / Wales](#)

[Information – Scotland](#)

[Department of Education for Northern Ireland \(DENI\)](#)

Curriculum Information

[England / Wales](#)

[Scotland / Northern Ireland](#)

UK Teaching Councils

[England - Department for Education](#)

[Wales / Scotland](#)

[Northern Ireland](#)