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# Initial teacher training

There are many different routes into teaching, including undergraduate, postgraduate and employment-based options. All loans, grants and bursaries are subject to certain conditions which students must meet to get funding.

## **Full-time courses**

Full-time Initial Teacher Training (ITT) courses, whether undergraduate or postgraduate, will get funding in the same way as other undergraduate degree programmes. This means full-time students will be able to apply for student finance for fees and living costs in the same way as undergraduates on any other higher-education course.

## **Part-time ITT courses**

Part-time ITT courses consist of periods of study of less than 300 hours during each academic year. Students on part-time courses can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan in the same way as students on any other eligible part-time course.

## **Postgraduate Training Bursary**

Postgraduate trainees starting ITT courses in the academic year 2015/16 may be offered a bursary by the National College for Teaching and Leadership (NCTL); the amount of which depends on when they begin their training and the subject. For more information please contact the NCTL.

## **Previous study and ITT courses**

Previous study is not taken into account if a student is attending an ITT course, as long as:

- they aren't already qualified to teach in primary or secondary school
- the course they're attending doesn't exceed two academic years in length for full-time and four academic years in length for part-time
- they don't already hold Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) or Qualified Teaching and Learning Status (QTLS)

## **School Direct Programmes**

Students who want qualifications and practical experience in teaching will be able to apply to one of the School Direct programmes. These allow students to get practical, hands-on training and education and are designed by groups of schools – with a university or a SCITT (School-centred initial teacher training) – based on the skills they are looking for in a newly qualified teacher (NQT). They won't be able to apply for student finance.



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## **School Direct Training Programme (salaried)**

Graduate students with three or more years' experience of working, can apply to the School Direct Training Programme. Trainees will get a salary on the unqualified teacher pay scale and the school that selects them will have a job in mind for them.

Trainees on a School Direct Training Programme won't have to pay tuition fees for the course.

## **School Direct Training Programme (unsalaried)**

All other graduates will be able to apply to the School Direct Training Programme and could get a tax-free bursary. How much bursary trainees can get depends on the subject they want to teach and the degree class they hold.

Trainees on an unsalaried School Direct Training Programme will have to pay tuition fees, but UK and EU trainees will be able to get a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance England (SFE) to cover the cost of these fees.

UK trainees can also apply for a Maintenance Grant and Maintenance Loan from SFE.

## **Further information:**

### **National College of Teaching and Leadership**

Call the Teaching Information Line (TIL): **0800 389 2500**

Or visit the Department for Education website:

**[www.gov.uk/government/collections/school-direct-information-for-schools](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/school-direct-information-for-schools)**

### **Student Finance England**

For further information about Tuition Fee Loans, Maintenance Loans and Grants for living costs visit **[www.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.gov.uk/studentfinance)** or our new dedicated Student Finance Zone on The Student Room **[www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance](http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/studentfinance)**