

Waterford Institute of Technology

CAREERS CENTRE

Fact & Action Sheet: Post-Primary Teaching - Graduate Route (UK) Entry 2009

Information

(Please Note: It is important that you check with the college for exact closing dates and fees as they can change from year to year)

Professional Qualification:

England	Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) which includes Skills Tests in Literacy, Numeracy and Information & Communication Technology.
Wales	Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) - Skills Tests do not yet apply in Welsh Training Institutions.
Northern Ireland	Eligibility to Teach
Scotland	Teaching Qualification (TQ)

Routes:

There are a variety of routes, conducted Full Time, Part Time, Distance Learning and On line, including:

- (a) Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE)
- (b) School Centred Initial Training (SCITT) available in England
- (c) Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP) - Mature Student
- (d) Registered Teacher Programme (RTP) - Non Graduate
- (e) B.Ed Degrees
- (f) BA/BSc with QTS
- (g) Teach First
- (h) QTS Qualified Teacher Status - England only
- (i) Overseas Trained Teachers Programme

Full information can be obtained at www.tda.gov.uk

Entry Requirements: England/Wales/NI

To train as a teacher, on any programme, you must achieve a standard equivalent to grade C in GCSE English Language and Mathematics. If you want to teach primary or key stage 2/3 (ages 7 - 14) you must also have achieved a standard equivalent to a grade C in GCSE Science subject.

and

PGCE:

If you want to undertake a Postgraduate Teacher Training Course a UK degree or equivalent pass is required, but with a minimum of 50% in the subject you plan to teach is normally expected.

Non PGCE:	You do not need a degree to begin undergraduate Teacher Training, such as a Bachelor of Education (BEd), Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Science (BSc) with	
	QTS. Your Training Provider will have its own requirements.	
	and	
	As there are a variety of entry requirements, e.g. CATS points/pre training courses/equivalence tests - check with individual college/university for specific requirements.	
Entry Requirements:	A degree from a UK university or an equivalent degree from outside the UK	
Scotland	Higher English at grade C or above or equivalent	
PGDE:	Standard grade Mathematics at Credit level or equivalent	
	And at least two of the following:	
	Science, Social Studies, Expressive Arts, Religious and Moral Education, Technology, Modern Foreign Language - check with individual college for specific requirements.	
	Experience of working with children of primary age, preferably in a school environment is also expected.	
Bachelor of Education (BEd)	Entry requirements differ between Universities depending on their admissions policy, but are usually four Higher at BBBC or three Higher at ABB. You must have Higher English at level B and Credit level Standard Grade Mathematics or equivalent.	
Trainee Teachers with Disabilities	Training Providers must not discriminate under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). Most Training Providers have Co-ordinators or Advisors. For contact details see the Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities' website at www.skill.org.uk/into_hefe/into_he.asp	
Duration:	PCGE/PCDE - one year full-time, two years part-time, some distance learning and on line programmes also available - check individual college /university for applicable duration as not all options are available in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.	
Application:	England & Wales	Centralised application through GTTR.
	Scotland	All Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) in Scotland, except the University of the West of Scotland through GTTR centralised application.
	Northern Ireland	Individual applications for courses in Northern Ireland and to the Open University. See over for closing dates and addresses.

- GTTR Closing Date:** See website www.gttr.ac.uk, "Students", "Before You Apply", "When to Apply"
- GTTR Application Fee:** £15 Sterling (Sending £17stg will cover application fee and postage for return of acknowledgement postcard).
Northern Ireland colleges varies.
- Fee/Financial Incentives:** There are proposed changes to the finance package for students starting a full time higher education course in 2009/10. All the proposed changes are subject to consideration by Parliament - keep checking - www.direct.gov.uk - Education and Learning, University and Higher Education, Student Finance.

Student Loans from Government

It is expected from September 2009 the universities and colleges will be able to charge up to £3225 a year tuition fees. However a Student Loan for Tuition Fees is available to cover the full cost. THIS IS REPAYABLE, ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, ONCE THE NEWLY QUALIFIED TEACHER IS WORKING AND EARNING MORE THAN £15,000. There are different financial implications for each geographical area and route to training.

Further grants and non repayable bursaries are also available. Contact individual universities for full current details. See www.tda.gov.uk, www.direct.gov.uk, studentsupportdirect.co.uk, studentfinanceengland.co.uk and for students studying in Wales see www.studentfinancewales.co.uk, for Scotland see www.student-support-saas.gov.uk and Northern Ireland see www.education-support.org.uk/students. Students from other EU countries see UKCISA - www.ukcisa.org.uk

Golden Hellos

Newly qualified teachers (NQTs) in England could receive a starting bonus of up to £5000, see www.tda.gov.uk/Recruit/thetrainingprocess/fundinginengland/goldenhellos.aspx
Wales also offers a similar scheme, see www.tda.gov.uk/Recruit/thetrainingprocess/fundinginwales.aspx
And if you are prepared to work anywhere in Scotland for your first year you can get up to £6000, see www.teachinginScotland.com

PGCE Action Plan

- Obtain:** Application material from the GTTR for centralized applications or from relevant institution for direct applications.
- On-line application only for 2009** Click on www.gttr.ac.uk, under "Course Search", "All Age Ranges" - "Secondary (11+ years)".

Consider college location, i.e. near airport/ferry.

Be aware that competition for places in certain locations is extremely competitive - advisable to also consider several locations.

Check that you met the general AND college specific entry requirements.
Apply to four colleges for Secondary teacher training

Course details, prospectus etc. from each Education Department of training institutes you wish to consider. It is also advisable to make telephone contact with the admitting tutor seeking advice as how best to prepare your application.

Teaching in Schools & Colleges in the UK (AGCAS). Pick up your copy from the display in Careers Centre Information Library, Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus

Information on teaching in England, Scotland and Wales go to www.prospects.ac.uk, and click into "Communities", then "Education".

Tips and preparation <http://tda.gov.uk/interview>

Research

Careers Information:

- a) Careers Centre Information Library, Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus
 - i) Gradireland Publications: Graduate Careers in Teaching and Education - www.gradireland.com .
 - ii) Teaching Folder
 - iii) AGCAS Occupational Profiles
- b) Careers website - www.wit.ie/careercentre:
 - i) Finding A Job - Resource section, Occupations, Teaching
- c) Attend Careers Presentations "How to Apply For Teaching", held annually each Autumn, check Careers website - www.wit.ie/careerscentre, "Events" section

Other Colleges:

- a) Look at websites of colleges/courses of interest
- b) Request PGCE/PGDE brochures from individual colleges - this will help with interview preparation.
- c) Relevant colleges and Open University literature

Websites:

www.tda.gov.uk (Training and Development Agency for Schools)

www.prospects.ac.uk, click into "Communities", then "Education" for information on teaching in England, Scotland and Wales
www.teachernet.gov.uk (Dept of Education & Skills),
www.gttr.ac.uk (GTTR)
www.teachinginScotland.com (Scottish Government)
www.wit.ie/careerscentre/ (Finding A Job - Resources, Occupations).

Application Procedure **ONLY ON LINE APPLICATIONS** - through GTTR (www.gttr.ac.uk), unless applying to Northern Ireland or University of the West of Scotland.
Click on "Apply" to access the online form
Contact academic referee, explain that you are applying for Teacher Training in the UK
Ask permission to list him/her as a referee

National Curriculum: Differs significantly between 'England & Wales' and 'Northern Ireland' and 'Scotland'.
www.nc.uk.net (England)
www.accac.org.uk (Wales)
www.ccea.org.uk (Northern Ireland)
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Schools/curriculum> (Scotland)

Useful Addresses & Websites

General

The Training and Development Agency (TDA) - moving to Manchester in 2010, address not advised at present
151 Buckingham Place Rd
London
SW1W 9SZ
Telephone: 0044 845 6000 991
Web: www.tda.gov.uk

England & Wales

Graduate Teacher Training Agency (GTTR)
Rosehill
New Barn Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ

Telephone: 0044 870 11 222 05
Web: www.gttr.ac.uk
Closing Date: Before 30 June 2009, but early application is advisable from 1 December 2008.

Scotland

Scottish Government
Education Department
Area 2A North
Victoria Quay
Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

Telephone: 0044 845 345 4745
Email: teaching@infoscotland.com
Web: www.teachinginscotland.co.uk

Funding

Student Finance Services
European Team
PO Box 89
Darlington
DL1 9AZ

Telephone: 0044 141 243 3570
Email: EU_Team@slc.co.uk
Web: www.direct.gov.uk

Student Awards Agency Scotland SAAS
Gyleview House
3 Redheughs Rigg
Edinburgh
EH12 9AH
Scotland

Telephone: 0044 845 1111 711
Fax: 0044 131 244 5887
Web: www.saas.gov.uk

Northern Ireland

Faculty of Social Science
School of Education
University of Ulster
Coleraine Campus
Cromore Road
Co Londonderry BT52 1SA

Telephone: 0044 28 700 400 700
Email: <http://enquiries.ulster.ac.uk/prospects>
Web: www.ulster.ac.uk

Graduate School of Education
Queen's University
69/71 University Street
Belfast
BT7 1HL

Telephone: 0044 28 9097 5928
Email: education@qub.ac.uk
Web: www.qub.ac.uk

Closing Date: 10 December 2008

Closing Date: 1 November 2008

Faculty of Social Science
School of Education
Jordanstown Campus
Shore Road
Newtownabbey
BT37 0QB, Co Antrim

Telephone: 0044 28 9036 6197
Email: socsci@ulster.ac.uk
Web: www.ulster.ac.uk

Closing Date: 10 December 2008

The Open University
40 University Road
Belfast BT1 1SU

Telephone: 0044 28 9024 5025
Email: Ireland@open.ac.uk
Web: <http://www3.open.ac.uk/near-you/ireland//>

Monthly intake - Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.
Teaching placements must take place in schools within
Northern Ireland

Ireland - Recognition of EU Qualifications

EC Directive 89/48: recognized primary school teachers in any other member state may seek similar recognition in his state. Applicants may be asked to make up shortfalls by means of aptitude test/adaptation period before full recognition is granted. Main shortfalls relate to the History and Structure of the Irish Education System and the Irish Language.

Full details from:

Teaching Council
Block A
Maynooth Business Campus
Maynooth,
Co Kildare

Telephone: 01 651 7900
Email: info@teachingcouncil.ie
Web: www.teachingcouncil.ie

Department of Education for Northern Ireland
(DENI)
Rathgael House
43 Balloo Road
Bangor
BT19 7PR Co. Down

Telephone: 0044 28 9127 9279
Email: mail@deni.gov.uk
Web: www.deni.gov.uk

Additional Websites

National Curriculum

England:

www.nc.uk.net

www.curriculumonline.gov.uk

www.direct.gov.uk

Wales:

www.accac.org.uk

Scotland:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Education/Schools/curriculum

Northern Ireland:

www.rewardinglearning.org.uk

Department of Education and Skills

www.teachernet.gov.uk

Department for Children, Schools and Families

www.dcsf.gov.uk/index.htm

Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills

www.dius.gov.uk/

Department of Education & Science, Ireland

www.education.ie

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