

# Routes into Teaching

## I do not have an undergraduate degree, how can I become a teacher?



### REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHING

You need a bachelor's degree in any subject to train to teach in primary, secondary and special schools in England. For secondary teacher training, your provider will also want to make sure you have a good knowledge of the subject you're applying to teach. You can train to be a teacher as part of your bachelor's degree and get qualified teacher status (QTS).

### USEFUL WEBSITES



[Undergraduate ITT courses](#)



[Future Teaching Scholars](#)



[Troops to Teachers](#)



[Society for Education and Training \(QTLs\)](#)



### UNDERGRADUATE ITT COURSES

If you do not currently have an undergraduate degree, you can complete a Bachelor of Education (BEd) or Bachelor of Arts (BA)/Bachelor of Science (BSc) with qualified teacher status (QTS) course. These courses enable you to study for a degree and complete your initial teacher training (ITT) at the same time.



### THE FUTURE TEACHING SCHOLARS

Designed for outstanding A Level students with a passion for physics or maths, this six-year programme offers financial support for undergraduate study, as well as employment-based teacher training post-graduation.



### TROOPS TO TEACHERS

If you're transitioning from the armed forces or your service has already ended, you could be eligible for support to train to teach.

As a veteran, you can bring a unique perspective to teaching by using your organisation, leadership and management skills in the classroom.

There are full and part-time teacher training courses available.



### QUALIFIED TEACHER LEARNING AND SKILLS (QTLs)

Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills (QTLs) is a professional teaching status, it's traditionally aimed at people wanting to teach in Further Education and Adult Education as a way of professionals transferring from industry into teaching, but following a regulation change in 2012, there is now legal parity between QTS (Qualified Teacher Status) and QTLs.

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[getintoteaching.education.gov.uk](http://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk)



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### POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (PGCE)

A PGCE is a 1 year course leading to QTS and focuses on developing your teaching skills and underpinning your knowledge. The PGCE involves lectures, seminars and other taught sessions in a university setting, including teaching placements in schools.

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### USEFUL WEBSITES

-  [UCAS PGCE courses](#)
-  [Schools Direct \(salaried\)](#)
-  [Schools Direct \(Tuition Fee\)](#)
-  [Teach First \(Salaried\)](#)
-  [Teach First \(Unsalariated\)](#)



### SCHOOLS DIRECT (SALARIED)

This route allows you to learn 'on the job' and earn a salary while you train towards Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). It's an employment-based route for high quality graduates, typically with you should have at least three years' transferable work history. You will receive an unqualified teacher's salary from your school, and the cost of your training will be covered, but you may be charged for your PGCE fees if awarded.

**Also see PGTA route below.**

### SCHOOLS DIRECT (TUITION FEE)

With this training route, you'll be based in a school, but will also be taught by the university, college, or SCITT that the school partners with. The school won't be your employer, and in many ways, your training will be similar to other programmes in universities, colleges, and SCITTs.



### TEACH FIRST (SALARIED)

Teach First offers a 2-year programme designed for graduates with a 2.1 degree or above, however those with a 2.2 degrees will also be considered. It is a 2-year programme. Once you complete your first year on the programme, you'll have qualified teacher status (QTS) and have completed your postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE).

### TEACH FIRST (UNSALARIED)

Train to become a teacher in a school near you with our school-centred initial teacher training (SCITT) programme. This unsalariated teacher training programme is suitable for graduates or career changers who want to train to teach in a local school. You'll make a real difference to the children in your community.

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## I have been teaching as an unqualified teacher, how can I get QTS?



### UNQUALIFIED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS

Unqualified teachers are allowed to work in some schools - but not all. To work in maintained primary, secondary and special schools you will need QTS. If you have been working as an unqualified teacher, you may be able to gain QTS through assessment routes.



### USEFUL WEBSITES



[Assessment only routes](#)



[Postgraduate teaching apprenticeship](#)



### ASSESSMENT ONLY ROUTE

You can take the assessment only route to QTS if you already meet the standards for qualified teacher status, so do not need any further training. You will undertake a series of assessments. This may include lesson observations, providing a portfolio of evidence to show you meet the teachers' standards, or written assessments. This will vary by your provider. There are fees attached to this route.



### POSTGRADUATE TEACHING APPRENTICESHIP (PGTA)

Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship programmes are a nationally-recognised, work-based route into teaching. It is an alternative to a traditional full-time university course, offering a postgraduate-level qualification, no tuition fees, and the opportunity to earn while you learn. **Also see (School's Direct Salaried) route above.**

## What training options are there in Kent?

### KENT BASED INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING COURSES

There are many high quality initial teacher training (ITT) courses run across Kent:

LEAF: <https://www.leaftrainingpartnership.co.uk/>

KMT : <https://www.kmtraining.org.uk/>

TKAT SCITT : <https://scitt.tkat.org/>

Teach Kent & Sussex : <https://www.teachkentandsussex.org.uk/>

Teach In Kent: <https://www.teachinkent.co.uk/>

With many of these training providers offering a school direct route into teaching, you will be primarily based in school with additional training provided alongside the experience and expertise you gain in the classroom.

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