

## Eligibility Criteria for a Teacher Education bursary - 2019/20

From the first day of training you must meet and continue to meet the criteria set out below:

- You **must** be eligible to receive UK student support.
  - You must meet one or more of the definitions for being an 'eligible' student to receive grants and loans towards tuition fees or living costs as set out in the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011. This includes meeting the requirement to be 'Home or EU status' for the purpose of assessment of fees. Trainees from the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey may not meet one of the definitions above. However, they may still be eligible for support from their respective home education departments and, where this is the case, they will still be eligible for a training bursary on the basis that they meet all other criteria.
- You **must** hold a UK Honours degree or equivalent.
  - This criteria does not apply for undergraduate bursaries.
- You **must** be taking a qualifying postgraduate or undergraduate initial teacher training (ITT) course in England. A qualifying course must lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).
- You **must** agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the scheme; these include:
  - promptly informing us of any changes to your bank account or address details,
  - promptly informing us of your intention to withdraw from the course,
  - signing a declaration of understanding that you are expected to seek a teaching post in England on successful completion of your ITT course.
- You must **not** already be in possession of, or be eligible for, QTS. Individuals who hold QTS on the first day of their course are not eligible for a training bursary. Under current reciprocal arrangements, qualified teachers from countries in the European Economic Area or Switzerland may be able to receive QTS following application to the Department for Education (DfE). Teachers who qualified in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA can also apply to the DfE to be awarded QTS. Those who are unsuccessful in their application to the DfE may be considered eligible for an ITT place and bursary (if applicable).
- You must **not** be receiving a salary or other payment for any type of teaching work which contributes to your training whilst undertaking your ITT course. You are deemed to be employed as a teacher if you are employed under a contract of employment or services with one or more local authority, governing body or institution. This can include teaching as a supply teacher, but does not include those employed by private teacher supply agencies or private tutors.
- You must **not** be simultaneously undertaking any other initial teacher training course, training scheme or programme that leads to QTS.

Further details about the eligibility criteria are available on the [Department for Education](#) website.

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