

PGCE Entry Requirements:	Degree or recognised equivalent qualification
<i>England, Wales & N Ire:</i>	Leaving Certificate Ordinary Grade C (Grade B if applying in Wales) in English and Mathematics and a Grade C in Science subject – check with individual colleges for specific requirements.
<i>Scotland:</i>	Leaving Certificate English (Grade HC3), Mathematics (Grade OC3) or equivalent- see http://scqf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Qualifications-Cross-Boundaries-2014-for-web.pdf for qualification comparisons If you do not hold the Leaving Certificate requirements, some institutions may offer special equivalence tests – check with individual colleges School based observation (minimum 2 weeks) is expected. Observation in a number of schools is preferred. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate relevance of their degree to the Primary School Curriculum.
Application:	<i>England & Wales:</i> Centralised application through UCAS Teacher Training http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training <i>Scotland</i> Centralised application through UCAS Undergraduate http://www.ucas.com <i>Northern Ireland:</i> Individual applications for courses in Northern Ireland. See overleaf for closing date and contact details.
Application Fee:	England/Wales £24 Sterling (3 courses) Scotland €13 for one course or €24 for up to 5 choices
Closing Date:	Applications open from mid October 2017. England/Wales - There is no closing date. Some courses will fill up quickly so it is advisable to apply early Scotland: closing date 15 th January 2018
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. ENGLAND - See http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding.aspx WALES – See http://teachertrainingcymru.org/node/16
Fees:	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 initially. This is then 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”. See https://www.gov.uk/student-finance/loans-and-grants and Student Loans Company and http://www.studentfinancenl.co.uk for further details. For details of funding in Scotland see www.saas.gov.uk and http://www.saas.gov.uk/forms/previous_study.pdf (page 6 PGDE concession)
Skills Tests (England/Wales)	Online Skills Tests in Literacy and Numeracy must be completed before you start your course http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/careers/traininganddevelopment/professional/
Routes:	While there are a number of routes (university based and school based) leading to qualification as a Post-Primary teacher in the UK, in order to be eligible to register with the Irish Teaching Council, it is important that the route you choose provides both an academic qualification, referred to as the Postgraduate/Professional Certificate in Education PGCE (England/Wales) and 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 and must be similar to standard of qualification/amount of teaching practice hours completed by those completing teacher education in Ireland. From September 2014 there will be shortfalls in the comparison of qualifications obtained in the UK versus Irish teacher education qualifications. For further details see http://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/Registration/Registration-with-Conditions/ and contact info@teachingcouncil.ie

PGCE Applications:

England/Wales -Go to <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training>

Scotland -Go to <http://www.ucas.com>

Finding Courses

- 1) Eng/Wales – UCAS Teacher Training. Scotland- UCAS Undergraduate
- 2) Click on Course Search
- 3) Search for General Primary (not Upper Primary or Lower Primary)
- 4) Consider college location i.e. near airport/ferry ports
- 5) Check that you meet general **AND** college specific entry requirements

Application Procedure

- 6) Click on “Apply” for on-line Application Form
- 7) Contact academic referee, explain that you are applying for Teacher Training in the UK
- 8) Ask permission to list him/her as a referee – let him/her know that you are using on-line application

Application Materials

- 9) Review/Research
 - CDC website - Explore Careers section – <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources/explore-careers/education#primaryuk>
 - <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources> (Click **Career Centre Presentations**)
 - Websites of colleges/courses of interest – this will also help with interview preparation
- 10) Use Dept of Education [Application Form Assistant](#)

N.B. Interviews will be held in the U.K.

Interview tips and preparation guidelines - <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/apply-for-teacher-training/help-with-your-interview.aspx>

Useful Contact Details

Applications

✉ UCAS Teacher Training
Rosehill
New Barn Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ
www: <http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training>

Register to apply for courses in Scotland
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/register>
Register to apply for courses in England/Wales
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/teacher-training/register>

UCAS TEACHER TRAINING CUSTOMER SERVICE

☎ 0044 871468 0469

Information

England

Department of Education
www: <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching>
<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education>

Scotland

Scotland Scottish Government Learning Directorate
☎ 0044 131 244 7930
✉ enquiries@educationscotland.gov.uk
www: <http://teachinscotland.scot/>

Wales

Teacher Training & Education in Wales
www: <http://www.teachertrainingcymru.org/home>

Funding

England

Student Finance Service European Team,
☎ 0044 141 243 3660
www: <http://slc.co.uk>

Bursaries:

www: www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/funding/postgraduate-funding

Scotland

✉ Students Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)
☎ 0044 0300 555 0505 (option 2)
✉ <https://www.saas.gov.uk/contact.htm>
https://www.saas.gov.uk/full_time/ug/eu/funding_available.htm

Wales

Student Finance Service European Team,
☎ 0044 141 243 3660
www: <http://slc.co.uk>

Bursaries

www: <http://teachertrainingcymru.org/node/16>

Northern Ireland

✉ The Admissions Office
University of Ulster at Coleraine
Cromore Road
Coleraine BT52 1SA
☎ 004428 7032 4221
✉ socsci@ulster.ac.uk
www: <https://www.ulster.ac.uk>
Closing Date: 17th November 2017

PCGE in **Early Years (3-8 age)**

✉ Academic Registry
Stranmillis University College
Belfast BT9 5DY
☎ 004428 9038 4263
✉ registry@stran.ac.uk
www: <http://www.stran.ac.uk>
Closing Date: 1st February 2018 (to be confirmed)

PGCE Primary (Irish Medium)

✉ Admissions
St. Mary's University College
191 Falls Road
Belfast BT12 6FE
☎ 004428 90268320
✉ admis@smucb.ac.uk
www: <http://www.smucb.ac.uk>
Closing Date: 23rd February 2018

✉ Department of Education for Northern Ireland (DENI)
☎ 004428 9127 9279
✉ mail@deni.gov.uk
www: <http://www.deni.gov.uk>

Funding Northern Ireland

www: <http://www.studentfinanceneni.co.uk>

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Ireland – Recognition of EU Qualifications

EC Directive 89/48: recognised primary school teachers in any other member state may seek similar recognition in this state. **Applicants must be fully qualified in the jurisdiction in which they trained – in UK this means completing teacher education programme (PGCE) AND Induction Year.**

From 2014 - main shortfalls relate to number of credits taken. Those returning will also have to sit an Irish Exam (SCG)

N.B. FUTURE BREXIT IMPLICATIONS ARE UNCLEAR

Full details from:

✉ Teaching Council
Block A
Maynooth Business Campus,
Maynooth,
Co. Kildare
☎ (01) 651 7900
✉ info@teachingcouncil.ie
www: <http://www.teachingcouncil.ie>

✉ Irish Language Requirement Office
SCG (Aptitude Test) or OCG (Adaptation Period)
Marino Institute of Education,
Griffith Avenue,
Dublin 9.
☎ 01 – 8535143 / 8535134
✉ scginfo@mie.ie
✉ ocginfo@mie.ie
www: www.ilrweb.ie

UK Teaching Councils

England [Department for Education](http://www.direct.gov.uk)
Wales <http://www.ewc.wales>
Scotland <http://www.gtcs.org.uk>
Northern Ireland <http://www.gtcsi.org.uk/>

Additional Useful Websites

National Curriculum

England <http://www.direct.gov.uk>
Wales <http://www.accac.org.uk>
Scotland <http://www.gov.scot>
Northern Ireland <http://ccea.org.uk/curriculum>

Department of Education & Skills (Ireland)
<http://www.education.ie>

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