

Your path to Teaching.

Teaching in Ireland

(July 2020)

All teachers are required by law to register with the Teaching Council in order to be employed in a recognised school.

A full list of accredited programmes in Ireland is available at <http://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/Teacher-Education/Initial-Teacher-Education/Providers-of-Initial-Teacher-Education/>

Secondary

Subject criteria for Secondary: if registering after 1st January 2017 see new <http://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/Registration/How-do-I-register-/Qualifications/Post-primary-Qualified-in-Ireland/Qualification-Requirements-for-Post-Primary-Teachers-Qualifications-Awarded-in-Ireland-.html>

You must also submit a [self-declaration form](#) for each proposed teaching subject with your course application.

Postgraduate programmes in Ireland are 2 years full-time

[NUI Galway](#); Máistir Gairmiúil san Oideachas (MGO) **Course Code; PEG02.** and Professional Master of Education. [\(PME\) in NUI Galway](#) , Professional Master of Education (PME) [NUI Maynooth Course Code; PEM01](#) [UCD Course Code; W327](#) or [UCC. Course Code; PEC01](#)

Application and information online from September at www.pac.ie/pme

Programmes are also offered in [TCD](#), Master of Education (2 years Part Time) [UL](#) Also Professional Masters Education (2 years Full Time) **Course Code: PMEDUCTFAD** [UL DCU](#) and [Hibernia College](#) - check individual websites for details.

For details on the Irish Language Certificate (and exemptions) see the [State Examinations Commission's website](#)

Further Education

According to the Teaching Council, applicants must "*meet the qualification requirements outlined in Regulation Five of the [Teaching Council \[Registration\] Regulations, 2016](#). Any person who meets the degree qualification requirements outlined therein is eligible for conditional registration for a period of three years in which time a Council accredited teacher education qualification must be completed.*"

Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Primary

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Description;

There are four state funded Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) which offer programmes of primary initial teacher education accredited by the Teaching Council for primary teaching.

Institution.

Web address

Marino Institute of Education Griffith Ave., Dublin 9.

<https://www.mie.ie/en/>

Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

www.mic.ul.ie

DCU Institute of Education, DCU, St. Patrick's Campus

Drumcondra, Dublin 9

www.dcu.ie

Froebel Department of Primary & Early Childhood

Education, NUIM, Co. Kildare.

www.maynoothuniversity.ie

Bachelor of Education Programme

A 4 year full-time course leading to a Bachelor of Education (Primary Teaching) degree is held in each of the four HEIs above.

Persons who successfully complete the course may be registered by the [Teaching Council](#).

Professional Masters in Education (PME) Primary Teaching.

The four state funded Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) above offer a two year Professional Masters in Education (PME) (Primary Teaching) programme. The most recent course commenced in September 2017. The course is reviewed annually and if proceeding is advertised in the national newspapers.

In addition a Professional Master in Education in Primary Teaching is provided by Hibernia College. Hibernia College is a privately-owned non state-funded company. This blended learning programme takes place over 2 years and is accredited by the Teaching Council for primary teaching.

Entry Requirements;

New changes to the minimum entry requirements for primary initial teacher education programmes were announced in October 2020. These changes set higher minimum entry standards to programmes of primary initial teacher education programmes for Leaving Certificate Maths and English at Ordinary Level and Irish at Higher Level. For new requirements go to [link](#).

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Address; Department of Education and Skills, Teacher Education Skills Section, Cornamaddy, Athlone, Co. Westmeath, N37 X659

Since 2014 all postgraduate teacher training programmes in Ireland are 2 years long. Postgraduate programmes are available through Mary Immaculate College, St Patricks College, Hibernia College. Full college details with admission criteria and application deadlines can be read online on the [Department of Education & Skills website](#)

Am I qualified to teach in Ireland after training in the UK?

All teachers employed in State-funded teaching positions in recognised schools in Ireland must be registered with the Teaching Council in order to be paid a salary by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) or an Education and Training Board (ETB).

The Teaching Council welcomes applications for registration from teachers who qualified outside of Ireland in an EU/EEA member state, provided they are fully qualified and recognised under the terms of the EU Directive 2005/36/EC in the state in which they qualified as a teacher.

Following an assessment of your qualifications by the Teaching Council, registration may be granted subject to conditions, e.g. qualification shortfalls.

[Click here](#) for further information about the EU Directive, the requirements for registration in Ireland and how to apply for registration.

Registration is subject to [Evidence of Character](#) requirements, including Garda Vetting/Overseas Police clearance. A Garda vetting form can be downloaded and printed [here](#).

Train to teach in Northern.

Routes into teaching:

To teach in a primary or post-primary (secondary) school in Northern Ireland, you must have a degree and a recognised teacher training qualification. All teachers are required to register with the General Teaching Council for Northern Ireland (GTCNI).

There are two routes available to prospective teachers: a four year undergraduate Bachelor of Education (BEd), or a one year Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE). Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programmes are available from the following universities and colleges in Northern Ireland:

- [Queen's University School of Education](#)
- [Saint Mary's University College](#)
- [Stranmillis University College](#)
- [The Open University](#)
- [Ulster University](#)

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Applications and entry requirements

Applications are made directly to the university or college. Check the provider's website for specific course information, tuitions fees, and entry requirements. For the BEd course at Stranmillis University College, **you will need to apply through the [UCAS Undergraduate scheme](#)**.

It's likely there will also be some non-academic conditions you'll need to meet before you can take up your place on the training programme. These include 'eligibility to teach' requirements and Access NI checks. For more information, visit [Northern Ireland Department of Education \(DENI\)](#)

Funding and support

If you're undertaking teacher training in Northern Ireland, check what funding you might be eligible for by visiting [NI Direct – Student Finance](#).

Teaching in other parts of the UK

To teach in an English state school, you must apply for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). With a teaching qualification from a university in Northern Ireland, you may be able to gain QTS without any further training or assessment. For more information, visit the [National College for Teaching & Leadership](#).

To teach in Wales, you must apply for Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) through the [Education Workforce Council \(EWC\)](#). With a teaching qualification from a university in Northern Ireland, you may be awarded QTS in Wales in recognition of your status.

To teach in a Scottish state school, you must be registered with the [General Teaching Council for Scotland \(GTCS\)](#). You will need to submit a formal application which will assess your qualifications to make sure they meet the academic study and teacher education

Further information on training to teach in the [UK](#) (England, Wales & Scotland)

Useful Websites:

Lists of schools in Ireland	https://www.education.ie/en/find-a-school
Entry requirement for Ireland	www.teachingcouncil.ie/
Irish requirement test for Primary teaching	http://www.ilrweb.ie
Northern Ireland information on teaching courses	https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/
UK applications and course databases	https://www.ucas.com/
UK Get into Teaching	https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/are-you-ready-to-apply

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UK Newly Qualified Teachers Salary	https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/job-sectors/teacher-training-and-education/how-much-do-teachers-get-paid
Scotland	https://teachinscotland.scot/
Register as a Teacher in Scotland	http://www.gtcs.org.uk/
Wales	https://www.ucas.com/teaching-in-wales
Student Loans UK register-login	https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login
AGCAS. Routes into teaching Routes-into-Teaching-Oxford	http://www.agcas.org.uk/events/1397-
Teaching Jobs	https://targetjobs.co.uk/graduate-jobs-in-teaching

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