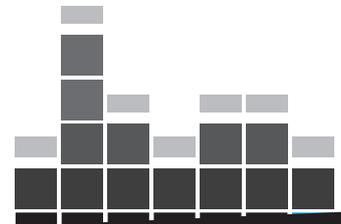


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Initial Teacher Training 2016/17

There are many different routes into teaching, including undergraduate, postgraduate and employment-based options. All loans, grants and bursaries are subject to conditions; students may not qualify for all of the funding described on these pages.

Full-time Initial Teacher Training (ITT) courses



Full-time undergraduate and postgraduate Initial Teacher Training (ITT) courses attract funding in the same way as other undergraduate degree programmes.

This means full-time students will be able to apply for student finance for fees and living costs in the same way as undergraduates on any other higher-education course.



Part-time ITT courses



Part-time ITT courses consisting of periods of study during each academic year of less than 300 hours will be eligible for part-time student support. Students on part-time courses can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan, Course Grant as well as Disabled Students' Allowances and Dependants' Grants.

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ITT incentive grants

Availability of ITT incentives is announced by the Welsh Government on an annual basis. The table below shows the availability, subject coverage and level of grant available to Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) students.

ITT incentives that will apply in Wales in 2016/17:

Degree classification	Postgraduate secondary courses in physics, mathematics, chemistry and Welsh	Postgraduate secondary courses in modern languages and ICT (computer sciences)	Postgraduate secondary courses in all other subjects and postgraduate primary courses	Additional primary supplement for those with first class degrees in English, Welsh, mathematics and science
1st	£20,000	£15,000	£3,000	£3,000
2:1	£10,000	£6,000	£0	£0
2:2	£6,000	£0	£0	£0

Eligible students who are ordinarily resident in Wales and start full-time postgraduate ITT courses in 2016/17 could also get a Tuition Fee Grant of up to £5,100. Grants are also available, depending on the subject studied, for eligible ITT students undertaking full-time, pre-service PGCE PCET/FE courses.

Welsh Medium Improvement Scheme (Secondary only)

Student teachers starting postgraduate secondary ITT courses and training through the medium of Welsh may be able to get the Welsh Medium Improvement Scheme grant. This is aimed at student teachers who need extra support to raise confidence in their ability to teach effectively in Welsh.

Decisions on eligibility for the grant are made by individual ITT providers involved in the scheme. You can get more information on which courses qualify from ITT providers.

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Employment-based funding

Student teachers on employment-based teacher training courses including Teach First Cymru and the Graduate Teacher Programme (GTP) in Wales will be paid a salary by their school. This will be at least equal to the minimum point on the unqualified teacher pay scale, but their school may choose to pay more.

Information on the GTP programme in Wales can be found under the 'Employment based routes' section of Teacher Education and Training in Wales website. Information on Teach First Cymru is available at: www.teachfirst.org.uk



More information

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