

PGCE Early Childhood Education and Care (0-5) with Early Years Teacher Status 2026/27

1. This training bursary is a tax-free financial incentive to attract high quality graduates into the teaching profession. It is provided by the Department for Education and administered by Sheffield Hallam University.

What you could receive

2. The bursary award amount varies according to your degree classification.

Trainees with a:	Award
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First-class Honours degree • Doctoral degree 	£5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:1 Honours degree; • Master's degree 	£4,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:2 Honours degree 	£2,000

Who is eligible

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

3. You **must** meet the entry requirements for the course.
4. You **must** be taking a qualifying postgraduate **Graduate Entry** course, leading to the award of Early Years Teacher Status (EYTS) – **this is for the 0-5 age group**.
5. You **must** hold a UK degree with at least second-class honours (or equivalent).
6. You must **not** already hold EYTS or Early Years Professional Status (EYPS).
7. You must **not** do any type of paid teaching work that contributes to your training whilst undertaking a Graduate Entry course, for which the provider receives early years funding.
8. You must **not** be registered on another early years initial teacher training course.
9. You **must** agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the scheme, which include:
 - promptly informing us of any changes to your bank account or address details,
 - promptly informing us if you intend to withdraw from the course.

How and when to apply

10. You can find details on how to apply by visiting our [Teacher Education Scholarships and Bursaries page](#).
11. Students on eligible courses will be invited to submit an online bursary claim form **after the course has started**. This is so we can check that you meet the full eligibility criteria and allows us to obtain your bank details for payments. The date invitations will be sent by is indicated on the above webpage.

12. The claim form will also ask you to provide your bank details. We will use these to make a payment to you if your claim is successful. Please double check that you have entered your account details correctly. Changes cannot be made easily after we have processed your application. Mistakes will cause a delay in a payment being made to you and your payment may be cancelled.
13. Please **do not** include dashes in your sort code and **do not** enter a 16-digit card number.

How are applications assessed

14. On receipt of your claim form, we will check that you meet the Department for Education’s eligibility criteria for the award. If you are eligible, and once you are fully enrolled, your bursary will be awarded. We will notify you of the outcome by email to your student email address.

How is the award paid

15. Once your bursary has been awarded, it is usually split equally over 10 monthly instalments (while you remain actively engaged with the course) from October to July.

Bursary Award	Monthly Instalment
£5,000	£500
£4,000	£400
£2,000	£200

16. Bursary payments are made on the second Tuesday of each month:

Bursary Payment Dates	
13 October 2026	9 March 2027
10 November 2026	13 April 2027
8 December 2026	11 May 2027
12 January 2027	8 June 2027
9 February 2027	13 July 2027

What else do I need to know

17. Bursary payments can only begin once you are **fully enrolled** and your degree classification has been confirmed. If you aren’t fully enrolled in October, your appropriate bursary amount will be rolled over into your November payment (or to the month that you become fully enrolled).
18. Bursaries are not taxable; however, they may be treated as capital income for the purposes of income assessment if you receive state benefits.
19. If you undertake paid teaching work in a school or institution that contributes to your training, you may become ineligible to receive the training bursary from the date you start this work.
20. The bursary is **not** a salary paid in arrears – it is a financial incentive, with a payment schedule set by the Department for Education.
21. Should you withdraw, take a break in study, no longer pursue an element of the course that leads to QTS or cease to engage with the course, you would be entitled to the training bursary for each month up to and including, the month in which you withdraw. We would seek to recover any overpayment of bursary from you.

22. If you leave and then re-join your course, you will normally only be eligible to receive the remainder of the bursary awarded in the year you started the course.
23. If you leave your course and join a new one with no transfer of standing or credit from the previous course and are being charged a new tuition fee, you will be entitled to receive a new bursary. However, if you have already received a **full** bursary award on the previous route, you may not be eligible for another bursary.
24. The training bursary awards are relevant to the academic year of study and change from year to year.

Appeals

25. As this is a Department for Education bursary, award decisions are generally not appealable. For information about the appeals process and other general policy terms relating to all University bursaries please see our [General Funding Terms and Conditions](#) and [Appeals](#) pages.

Need help

26. If you have any questions about this funding, please contact [Hallam Help](#).