

## Undergraduate with QTS Veteran bursary 2026/27

1. This training bursary is a financial incentive provided by the Department for Education and administered by Sheffield Hallam University.

### What you could receive

Undergraduate with QTS Veteran Teaching Bursary	Bursary Amount in both penultimate and final year	10 monthly instalments per year
QTS in Secondary: Biology Chemistry Computing Languages Mathematics Physics	£20,000	£2,000

### Who is eligible

2. Veterans who have left full time employment from the British Army, Royal Air Force or Royal Navy no more than five years before the start of their course.

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

3. You **must** be eligible to receive UK student support (unless you are training to teach Languages or Physics) – this means that 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. For further information, refer to [Student finance eligibility](#).
  - EU - European Union (EU) nationals resident in the UK before 1 January 2021, who qualify for pre-settled status or settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme, are eligible for home fee status and student financial support on a similar basis to domestic students. This is subject to meeting the usual residence requirements. For further information on those requirements, contact the [Student Loans Company](#) (SLC).
  - Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey - Trainees from the Isle of Man, Jersey and Guernsey may not meet one of the definitions above. If they are eligible for support from their respective home education departments, they will still be eligible for a training bursary if they meet all other criteria.
  - International students can contact the UK Council for International Student Affairs ([www.ukcisa.org.uk](http://www.ukcisa.org.uk)) for advice on student support and other issues around studying in the UK.

4. You **must** be taking a qualifying undergraduate initial teacher training (ITT) course in England. A qualifying course must lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), and be delivered by an accredited ITT provider.
5. 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,
  - signing a declaration of understanding that you are expected to seek a teaching post in England on successful completion of your course.
6. You are **not** eligible for a bursary if, on the first day of the course, you either hold QTS or are eligible to apply for QTS.
  - Applicants can use the [Online Eligibility Checker](#) to check their eligibility to apply for QTS through the recognition service. If an applicant does not believe they are eligible for QTS through this service, they must satisfy the provider that they do not meet at least one of the [eligibility criteria](#) listed.
  - Some teachers who are trained and recognised overseas may be able to [apply for QTS without further assessment or training](#).
  - Qualified teachers who are included on the Teaching Regulation Agency's teaching record system are ineligible to get bursaries or student finance. This applies to trainees who both hold QTLS status (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills) and are members of the Society for Education and Training (SET).
  - Individuals who hold early years teacher status (EYTS) can still apply for an ITT place and get a bursary, if they meet the full eligibility criteria.
7. You must **not** get a salary or other payment for any type of teaching work that contributes to your training while doing your ITT course. If your employment is unrelated to the ITT course and will not be used as part of your assessment against the teachers' standards, then you may receive a salary for this work alongside your bursary payments.
8. You must **not** be simultaneously doing any other initial teacher training course, or training schemes or programmes that lead to QTS.

### **How and when to apply**

9. Students who are identified on the university's records as being veterans will be invited to submit an online bursary claim form shortly after their second year 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.
10. The above process will be repeated shortly after their final year has started.
11. 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.
12. Please **do not** include dashes in your sort code and **do not** enter a 16-digit card number.
13. A separate claim for is required for each of the two years.

### **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 and the QTS element) from October to July.

Bursary Award per year	Monthly Instalment
£20,000	£2,000

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. If you are eligible for the Undergraduate Veteran bursary, you cannot also receive the Undergraduate final year bursary offered by the Department for Education.
18. Bursary payments can only begin once you are **fully enrolled for each academic year**. 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).
19. Bursaries are not taxable; however, they may be treated as capital income for the purposes of income assessment if you receive state benefits.
20. 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.
21. The bursary is **not** a salary paid in arrears – it is a financial incentive, with a payment schedule set by the Department for Education.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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 may 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.
25. The training bursary awards are relevant to the academic year of study and change from year to year.

### **Appeals**

26. 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**

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