

## PGCE with Qualified 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 the subject in which you are training to teach and your degree classification.

Subject	Bursaries	Scholarships <sup>1</sup>
Chemistry Computing Physics	£29,000	£31,000
Mathematics	£29,000	–
Languages	£20,000	£22,000
Design and Technology (including engineering and food technology)	£20,000	–
Biology Geography	£5,000	–

<sup>1</sup>Trainees in Chemistry, Computing, Physics, and French, German and Spanish languages only can apply for a scholarship with the appropriate professional body. More information about scholarships is available on the Get into Teaching website. If you are awarded a scholarship, please keep a copy of your scholarship award letter/email, as you will need to upload this document when you complete the online bursary/scholarship form.

### Who is eligible

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

3. You must hold one of the following qualifications:
  - a first-class, 2:1 or 2:2 undergraduate honours degree
  - a master's degree
  - a doctoral degree
  - a medical master's degree (distinction)
  - an aegrotat (unclassified) honours degree
4. Trainees are not eligible if they have an ordinary degree, aegrotat ordinary degree, postgraduate certificate (PGCert) or diploma (PGDip) only.
5. You **must** be eligible to receive UK student support (unless you are training to teach Languages or Physics and **received** your course offer by 5pm on Thursday 7 May 2026) – 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.
6. You **must** hold, at least, a UK honours degree or equivalent.
  7. You **must** be taking a qualifying postgraduate 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.
  8. 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.
  9. 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.
  10. 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.
  11. 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

12. You can find details on how to apply by visiting our [Teacher Education Scholarships and Bursaries page](#).
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Please **do not** include dashes in your sort code and **do not** enter a 16-digit card number.

### How are applications assessed

16. 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

17. 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/Scholarship Award	Monthly Instalment
£31,000	£3,100
£29,000	£2,900
£22,000	£2,200
£20,000	£2,000
£5,000	£500

18. 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

19. 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).
20. Bursaries are not taxable; however, they may be treated as capital income for the purposes of income assessment if you receive state benefits.

21. 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.
22. The bursary is **not** a salary paid in arrears – it is a financial incentive, with a payment schedule set by the Department for Education.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. The training bursary awards are relevant to the academic year of study and change from year to year.

### **Appeals**

27. 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**

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