

ITT information summary 3: Routes into teaching

There are numerous routes into teaching:

- Universities
- SCITTS
- Schools/groups of schools
- National providers e.g. Teach First, Ambition Institute, National Institute of Teaching
- Assessment only
- Teacher apprenticeships

Who can offer ITT?

- Universities (Higher Education Institutions – HEIs)
- SCITTS (School-Centred Initial Teacher Training)
- Teach First
- Schools/groups of schools might also offer ITT that is validated by an accredited provider.

Fee-funded ITT:

- The majority of postgraduate course and all undergraduate courses.
- Trainee pays for their training (usually taking out a student loan to cover the costs).
- Trainee completes at least 2 placements in schools.
- Trainee is not employed by a school.

Salaried ITT:

- Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship (the employing school pays the trainee as an unqualified teacher).
- Undergraduate Teacher Apprenticeship (starting with a small cohort of maths trainees in September 2024).

Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship

- The employing school pays the trainee as an unqualified teacher.
- The school pays the ITT provider for the training (using the apprenticeship levy to support this).
- Trainees are required to undertake a contrasting placement in another school.
- Trainees undergo an End Point Assessment after gaining QTS (usually in their first term as an ECT).

Assessment only (AO)

- Only for candidates who have substantive experience working as an unqualified teacher in two or more settings.
- Undertake assessment against QTS without a taught course and placements.
- Takes approximately 3 months.
- Fee paid to the ITT provider – might be paid by the candidate or the school.

Further information:

[Exceed Teaching School Hub | ITT plus Teacher and Leader training and development](#)

[Bradford for Teaching | Home \(bradfordteaching.org\)](http://bradfordteaching.org)

DfE ITT update: [Offer a trainee teacher placement - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

DfE Funding guidance: [Initial Teacher Training ITT Reform Funding Guidance.pdf](#)