

## Quick guide

# Initial teacher training courses

### Overview

There are two main types of initial teacher training (ITT) courses which can be designated:

- schools ITT courses
- ITT courses for those who want to teach in the further education (FE) sector

These courses can be delivered under a range of different models and the designation and approval arrangements vary.

Schools ITT courses can be delivered by authority-funded providers, private providers or by School-Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) providers. Some may be delivered under the School Direct programme. ITT courses for the FE sector are delivered mainly by authority-funded providers and in some cases by private providers.

### Eligibility

Full-time students on these courses can attract the full-time package of support. Part-time students can attract the Part-time Tuition Fee Loan. Where the part-time course is a level 6 or 7, students are also eligible for a Part-time Maintenance Loan.

Courses delivered under the School Direct training programme can be salaried or unsalaried. Only students on the unsalaried route, or those in a voluntary role, are eligible for student finance. As this is a student attribute rather than a course attribute, there is no need to capture this detail at course level. However, you should tell your students who are receiving a salary not to apply for student finance for these courses.

You can find more information on the eligibility of ITT courses in the 'Assessing eligibility guidance' chapters on the SFE Practitioners website:  
<https://www.practitioners.slc.co.uk/policy>.

### Adding an ITT course

If you are running a School Direct training programme and all students on this course are receiving a salary, you should not add this course to CMS. If some of your students are salaried and some either unsalaried or in a voluntary role, you should add this course to

CMS. Any students receiving a teaching salary should not apply for student finance for their course.

If you are recruiting students who intend to teach in the further education (FE) sector, include 'lifelong learning', in brackets, in the course name.

Please make sure that you select the correct qualification for your course. The available qualifications for ITT courses are:

- Bachelor's degree with QTS
- Bachelor's degree with honours with QTS
- Certificate in Education
- Certificate of Higher Education
- Diploma in Education and Training
- Diploma of Higher Education (DET)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education
- Professional Graduate Certificate in Education
- Postgraduate ITT with QTS

You can find more information on qualification mapping in the 'Qualifications and mapping' quick guide on the HEP Services website:

<https://www.heinfo.slc.co.uk/hep-services/courses-management-service/guidance-further-information.aspx>

From AY2020/21, three new qualification options have been added:

- Certificate in Education
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education
- Professional Graduate Certificate in Education.

If you currently have courses set up with the qualification PG ITT with QTS, you should use the available course years function to start to phase out these courses from AY 2020/21\*. You should also set up a new course to phase in. You should use one of the new qualifications that accurately reflect the qualification the students receive at the end of their course.

\*If you are a SCITT provider, you do not need to change your courses with the qualification PG ITT with QTS, unless one of the new qualifications are a better match for the qualification your students receive.