

DfE – Teacher Recruitment Bulletin – January 2022 edition



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Welcome to the January edition of the teacher recruitment bulletin from the Department for Education (DfE).

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- 1) Initial teacher training accreditation process

Organisations wishing to apply for accreditation from academic year 2024 to 2025 will need to register on Jaggaer:

<https://education.app.jaggaer.com/web/login.html>.

Guidance on how to register is available via this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/initial-teacher-training-itt-accreditation>.

Applicants who want to raise a question about the process should use the message function within Jaggaer.

Key dates:

- 24 January 2022: Deadline for submitting clarification questions via Jaggaer
- 11:00am on 7 February 2022: Deadline to submit applications in round 1
- 13 June 2022: Deadline for submitting clarification questions via Jaggaer for round 2 applications
- 11:00am on 27 June 2022: Deadline to submit applications in round 2

2) Call for ex-teachers to return to classrooms

The Government is appealing for former teachers to return to the classroom temporarily while schools face increased staff absence due to Covid. Those who are recently retired, or trained as a teacher and changed career, are asked to consider whether they can find even a day a week for the spring term to help protect face-to-face education.

More information on how to sign up, including a list of agencies to sign up with, is available on the Get Into Teaching website:

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/urgent-call-for-qualified-teachers>

3) Flexible working training for school leaders

The DfE is funding training for Headteachers, MAT leaders, school business leaders, HR professionals and governor/trustees, on implementing flexible working practices in schools.

For more information and to register, visit this page:

<https://timewise.co.uk/article/supporting-dfes-recruitment-and-retention-strategy-by-training-school-leaders-in-flexible-working/>

4) IFF Research: Working Lives of Teachers and Leaders project

Your organisation may have received a request from IFF Research to support the Working Lives of Teachers and Leaders project being conducted on behalf of the DfE. Please respond to IFF's request for contact details of recent graduates, to help us ensure this important study reflects the views of all teachers.

If you have any questions about this study, contact IFF Research on workinglivesofteachersandleaders@iffresearch.com or the DfE research team on workinglives.teachers-leaders@education.gov.uk.

5) National professional qualifications (NPQs) – February application window

The new suite of NPQs is now available for teachers and leaders who want to develop their expertise in leadership and specialist areas of teaching practice.

All teachers and leaders employed in state-funded schools, as well as those employed in state-funded organisations that offer 16 to 19 places in England, can now access fully funded training scholarships to undertake NPQs.

The application window to begin an NPQ in February closes shortly (exact closing dates vary by training provider).

To learn more about the qualifications, and how to apply, you can:

- visit the NPQ reforms page:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-professional-qualifications-npqs-reforms/national-professional-qualifications-npqs-reforms>,
- or view our NPQ webinar:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBOW_0C4mrk

6) Find out more about the National Tutoring Programme (NTP)

Join us for our informative national and regional webinars on the NTP hosted by our expert panel of educators.

These webinars will give you an opportunity to learn more about the high-quality tuition support that could be available for your school through the NTP and to hear from schools and tutoring suppliers about their experience with the NTP programme.

Click here to view all event dates and to register:

<https://nationaltutoring.org.uk/events/>

Read about personal experiences from schools who have registered for the NTP programme here: <https://nationaltutoring.org.uk/news/categories/school-stories/>

7) Get School Experience

The Get School Experience service can help you find potential teacher training candidates by advertising your school to a large audience.

There are over 3,000 visitors to the site per month looking for virtual or in-school experience to help them decide if they'd like to train as teachers.

You can use the service to:

- schedule virtual or in-school experience events
- receive school experience requests
- manage your communications with potential candidates

You can request access to the service here:

<https://schoolsexperience.education.gov.uk/schools>

If you'd like to find out more, or would like support to access the service or amend your current offers, email organise.school-experience@education.gov.uk.

8) Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE)

School Direct lead schools and ITT providers may see applicants who have the potential to become outstanding teachers, but as part of their conditional offer need to increase their subject knowledge. A SKE programme can help you to feel confident that they can be recruited.

SKE courses are currently available in this academic year. We recommend making appropriate referrals at the earliest opportunity to ensure applicants get their preferred SKE course.

For further information, including eligibility criteria, subjects available and providers delivering SKE courses visit:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/subject-knowledge-enhancement-an-introduction>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/subject-knowledge-enhancement-course-directory>

9) Initial teacher training scholarships – Prior Information Notice (PIN)

We're inviting organisations to join our market engagement event if you're interested in delivering the initial teacher training (ITT) scholarships programme, starting in October 2022.

Interested organisations should complete the questionnaire attached to the PIN by midnight 25 January 2022.

The full PIN and accompanying questionnaire can be found here:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/681f2aaf-cadd-4d2a-bfee-40befc8211e8>

If you have any questions contact itt.scholarships@education.gov.uk.

10) Get support to become a visa sponsor

If you are a state school thinking about recruiting teachers internationally and your academy trust or local authority does not already hold a sponsorship

licence, you will need to apply for one to sponsor migrant workers through the Skilled Worker route.

DfE is piloting a helpdesk service to support schools and trusts with applying for their sponsorship licence and Certificates of Sponsorship. Places are limited.

If you are interested in taking part, email us on visa.helpservice@education.gov.uk.

11) Acclimatisation support service

DfE is trialling a new, fully funded, acclimatisation service for newly recruited overseas maths, science, MFL, computing, geography and design and technology teachers.

This service is designed to give overseas teachers the knowledge and skills they need to flourish in English classrooms.

For further information, or to register your interest in this service, email international.teacherrecruitment@education.gov.uk

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