

Postgraduate Teacher Training Application Form

Most applications for postgraduate teacher training courses in Primary, Secondary and Further Education teaching go through the 'Apply' service at:

www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training

This service is for teacher training in England, if you are applying for teacher training in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland please follow the links on the 'Apply' website.

There are two key areas on your application where you will need to provide written evidence of your experience, knowledge, and potential to be a successful teacher.

Personal Statement

The personal statement should be between 500 and 1000 words, and focused on why you want to teach and your suitability/knowledge you can bring to the role. You can write about the following:

1. Explain why you want to be a teacher.

Reflect on what motivates you about a career in teaching.

2. Describe why you want to teach this subject or specialism. For primary, describe why you want to teach this age group.

Highlight your expertise in a subject gained through your qualifications or work experience.

3. Describe your relevant experience and personal characteristics and explain how they would make you a great teacher.

Discuss any relevant experience of working or volunteering with young people and any transferable skills or strengths gained through life experience that would support you in the classroom.

You can get support with your personal statement by speaking to the [Teacher Training Advisers](#) or going to [Teacher Training Personal Statement](#)

Work Experience

This section has two elements: work history and unpaid experience. In the unpaid section, there is the opportunity to add details about your experience.

Unpaid experience working with children and other volunteering (150 words)

Enter details of your time commitment and responsibilities – make sure you add how long the experience was e.g., a day, once a week for six months, and also, what your role was e.g., Brownie Leader, Classroom Assistant

Experience could include:

- One-off observations in school
- Volunteering at a children's club
- Being a governor
- Other volunteering – try to relate this to how it supports your teaching application

Tips for the written sections of your form:

- Be concise and use your word count carefully
- Plan what you are going to put in each section so that you can highlight a range of your experience and knowledge
- Show your interest, passion and enthusiasm for working with children/young people
- Provide **specific examples** that demonstrate you have the commitment, motivation, qualities and skills required to be a teacher
- Draft the personal statement sections in word first and ask someone to proofread it for you
- Check the whole application for spelling, grammar and general errors

Further advice and support with your application

- Get into Teaching, the Department for Education's free support and advice service:
<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>
- <https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/teaching-and-education>

To see what skills are commonly required for teaching:

- www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/primary-school-teacher
- www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/secondary-school-teacher
- www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/further-education-teacher

Also see '[Routes into Teaching: the basics](#)' from **firstpoint** or our website.

If you would like to book a careers appointment, please visit:

<https://worcster.targetconnect.net>

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