

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.

Here are some examples you could write about (they are just a guide, you do not need to write about all of them):

- Skills you have that are relevant to teaching
- Any experience of working with young people
- For secondary teacher training: your interest in the subject you want to teach
- Your understanding of why teaching is important
- Your reasons for wanting to train to be a teacher
- Any activities you've done that could be relevant to teaching like first aid courses, sports coaching or volunteering

You can get support with your personal statement by speaking to the [teacher training advisers](#).

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](#)' and '[Funding for Postgraduate Teacher Training](#)' from **firstpoint** or our website.

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

<https://worchester.targetconnect.net>

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