

Initial Teacher Training (ITT) grant 2011-12

Eligibility criteria check list for employers

To be eligible for the grant the teacher must meet all of the following criteria:

- They must be a current member of IfL
 - They must not already hold a diploma level (level 5+) initial teaching qualification, except where undertaking the Skills for Life additional diploma in (ESOL, Literacy or Numeracy).
 - They must be undertaking one of the following Diploma level ITT courses in the Lifelong Learning Sector:
 - * Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS)
 - * Skills for Life integrated DTLLS
 - * The Additional Diploma in ESOL, Literacy or Numeracy
 - * PGCE (in Lifelong Learning)
 - * Cert Ed (in Lifelong learning)
 - They must be undertaking the ITT course on an in-service part time basis.
 - They must be commencing a new ITT course in the academic year 2011-12 (between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012).
or
 - Starting directly onto the second year in 2011-12 (between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012) via Accredited Prior Learning (APL).
or
 - Starting on the second year of an ITT course in 2011-12 (between 1 September 2011 and 31 March 2012) for a course that began its first year **from September 2010**.
 - The employer must be a further education college or FE provider in England, funded by the [Skills Funding Agency](#) (SFA), in the case of the latter, the employee must be teaching on a SFA funded provision. Those teaching on a [Young People's Learning Agency](#) (YPLA) funded provision or in a specialist college may also be eligible providing they fall under [the 2007 FE Qualification Regulations](#) (through contractual clauses between YPLA and the Employer / provider), the employer may be asked to provide evidence of this.
- * Volunteer teachers teaching on a Skills Funding Agency (SFA) funded provision or within an FE college are eligible for the grant providing they meet the rest of the above criteria

The following are not eligible for the ITT Grant:

- * Pre-service trainee teachers on a placement as part of their course.
- Agency teachers
- Self employed teachers

* **What is the difference between volunteer and placement teachers?**

Please consider the following when determining whether a teacher is volunteering or on a placement:

Volunteer teacher - an in-service experienced teacher who is teaching on a volunteer basis, and would undertake their ITT course on a part time in-service basis.

Placement teacher - a pre-service student teacher who is not yet qualified to teach but is required to undertake teaching hours as part of their ITT course, and would therefore usually undertake the course on a full time basis pre-service basis.

The current agreement is valid only for the 2011/12 financial year.

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