

Career Development Centre, NUI Maynooth
Fact & Action Sheet: Primary
PGCE (England/Wales) & PGDE (Scotland) Entry 2010

Information:

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| Professional Qualifications: | <p>England Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) which includes Skills Tests in Literacy, Numeracy and Information & Communications Technology.</p> <p>Wales Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) - Skills Tests do not yet apply in Welsh Training Institutions.</p> <p>Scotland Teaching Qualification (TQ)</p> |
| Routes: | <p>While there are a number of routes leading to qualification as a Primary teacher in the UK, the majority of NUIM graduates undertake a one year full-time course in general primary - referred to as the Postgraduate Certificate in Education (England/Wales) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Scotland). For alternative routes - see http://www.tda.gov.uk</p> |
| PGCE Entry Requirements: | <p>Degree or recognised equivalent qualification</p> <p><i>England, Wales & N Ire:</i> Leaving Certificate English, Mathematics and a Science subject - check with individual college for specific requirements.</p> <p><i>Scotland:</i> Leaving Certificate English, Mathematics and at least two of the following: Science, Social Studies, Expressive Arts, Religious and Moral Education, Technology, Modern Foreign Language - check with individual colleges for specific requirements.</p> <p>If you do not hold the Leaving Certificate requirements, some institutions may offer special equivalence tests - check with individual colleges</p> <p>Experience of working with children of primary age, preferably in a school environment is also expected.</p> <p>Applicants will be expected to demonstrate relevance of their degree to the Primary School Curriculum.</p> |
| Application: | <p><i>England and Wales:</i> Centralised application through GTTR</p> <p><i>Scotland:</i> Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Strathclyde, Aberdeen and Dundee - Centralised through GTTR. Remainder accept applications made directly to institutions.</p> <p><i>Northern Ireland:</i> Individual applications for courses in Northern Ireland. See overleaf for closing date and addresses.</p> |
| GTTR Closing Date: | <p>1st December, including the reference ***** Apply AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE for Primary courses as colleges accept applications from early October onwards *****</p> |
| GTTR Application Fee: | <p>£17 Sterling</p> |
| Financial Incentives: | <p>There are different financial implications for each geographical area and route to training. These include bursaries of up to £4,000. See http://www.tda.gov.uk and contact individual universities for full current details.</p> |
| Fees: | <p>Tuition fees of up to £3,225. Students can apply to the Student Loan Company to pay these fees directly to university initially. This is then payable to Student Loan Company, on completion of the course, once the newly qualified teacher is working and earning more than £15,000.</p> |

PGCE Action Plan:

Where do I start? - Go to www.gttr.ac.uk

Finding Courses

- 1) Click on gttr Course Search
- 2) Search - Primary - Under Subject select Primary
- 3) Consider college location i.e. near airport/ferry ports - check atlas/map/gttr handbook
- 4) Be aware that competition for places in Wales is extremely competitive - advisable to also consider other locations
- 5) Check that you meet general AND college specific entry requirements
- 6) Apply to 2 colleges for Primary Teacher Training

Application Procedure

- 7) Only On-Line Applications for Entry 2010
- 8) Click on gttrapply for on-line Application Form
- 9) Contact academic referee, explain that you are applying for Teacher training in the UK
- 10) Ask permission to list him/her as a referee - let him/her know that you are using on-line application

Application Materials

- 11) Look at
 - NUIM Virtual Careers Library - <http://careers.nuim.ie/students/careers/avirtuallibrary.shtml>
 - Websites of colleges/courses of interest
 - Request PGCE Brochure from individual colleges - this will help with interview preparation
- 12) Attend Career Talks
 - a) Applying for Teacher Training
 - b) Completing Teaching Application Forms

N.B. Interviews will be held in the U.K. either before or after Christmas
 Interview tips and preparation guidelines - <http://www.tda.gov.uk/interview>

Useful Addresses and Contact Numbers

General

✉ Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA)
151 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SZ
☎ 0044 207 023 8001
☎ 0044 845 6000 991
www: <http://www.tda.gov.uk>

Soon moving to...
City Tower,
Piccadilly Plaza,
Manchester,
M1 4TD.

England & Wales

✉ Graduate Teacher Training Agency (GTTR)
Rosehill
New Barn Lane
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire GL52 3LZ
☎ 0044 870 11 222 05
www: <http://www.gttr.ac.uk>
GTTR APPLY CUSTOMER SERVICE
☎ 0044 871468 0469
Closing Date: 1st December 2009

Scotland

✉ Scottish Executive Education Department
Teacher's Division, SS13
Area 2A
Victoria Quay
Edinburgh EH6 6QQ
☎ 0044 845 345 4745
✉ teaching@infoscotland.com
www: <http://www.infoscotland.com/teaching>

Funding

✉ Student Finance Service European Team,
PO Box 89,
Darlington,
DL1 9AZ
☎ 0044 141 243 3570
✉ EU_Team@slc.co.uk
www: <http://www.direct.gov.uk>

✉ Students Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)
Gyleview House,
3 Redheughs Rigg,
South Gyle,
Edinburgh,
EH12 9AH
☎ 0044 845 111 0244
✉ saas.geu@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
www: <http://www.saas.gov.uk>

Northern Ireland

PGCE Primary
✉ Registry Office
University of Ulster at Coleraine
Cromore Road
Coleraine BT52 1SA
☎ 004428 7032 4221
✉ registrycn@ulster.ac.uk
www: <http://www.ulster.ac.uk>

Closing Date: 10th December 2009

PGCE in Early Years (3-8 age)
✉ Academic Registry
Stranmillis University College
Belfast BT9 5DY
☎ 004428 9038 1271
✉ registry@stran.ac.uk
www: <http://www.stran.ac.uk>

Closing Date: 1st February 2010

PGCE Primary (Irish Medium)
✉ Admissions
St. Mary's University College
191 Falls Road
Belfast BT12 6FE
☎ 004428 90268320
✉ admis@smucb.ac.uk
www: <http://www.smucb.ac.uk>

Closing Date: 26th February 2010 (to be confirmed)

✉ Department of Education for Northern Ireland (DENI)
Rathgael House,
43 Balloo Road,
Bangor
Co. Down BT19 7PR
☎ 004428 9127 9279
✉ mail@deni.gov.uk
www: <http://www.deni.gov.uk>

Ireland - Recognition of EU Qualifications

EC Directive 89/48: recognised primary school teachers in any other member state may seek similar recognition in this state. Applicants may be asked to make up shortfalls by means of aptitude test/adaptation period before full recognition is granted. Main shortfalls relate to the History and Structure of the Irish Education System and the Irish Language.

Full details from:

✉ Teaching Council
Block A
Maynooth Business Campus,
Maynooth,
Co. Kildare
☎ (01) 651 7900
✉ info@teachingcouncil.ie
www: <http://www.teachingcouncil.ie>

Additional Websites

National Curriculum

England <http://www.nc.uk.net>
<http://www.direct.gov.uk>
Wales <http://www.accac.org.uk>
Scotland <http://www.ltscotland.org.uk>
Northern Ireland <http://www.ccea.org.uk>

Department of Education & Skills
<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk>

Department of Education (Ireland)
<http://www.education.ie>

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