

Important Information for Schools – Post Graduate Teaching Apprenticeship

The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) has recently announced the post-graduate teaching apprenticeship route for graduates who would like to get into teaching. The route is now available for applications for candidates starting their apprenticeship in 2018.

This is a school-led initial teacher training (ITT) route developed by a group of schools, coordinated by the Teaching Schools Council. It combines paid work with on and off-the-job training and upon successful completion, apprentice teachers will be awarded Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

Apprentice teachers will have to meet the same statutory requirements for entry as all other ITT programmes and successful completion will be assessed against the Teachers' Standards.

Locally Maintained and Voluntary Controlled Schools will be able to use their apprenticeship levy paid to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) to support the training of new, high quality teachers. As such, these schools will need to make arrangements for this via NYCC in the usual way.

Academies, Trusts and Voluntary Aided Schools can make their own arrangements – either by using their own levy if they have an annual pay bill over £3 million, or by accessing co-investment (where the Government pays 90% of the cost of training and assessment up to the funding band.)

Please note that only accredited initial training providers and School Direct lead schools that have successfully applied to the [register of apprenticeship training providers](#) can offer the teaching apprenticeship. Further information on how to become an apprenticeship training provider is available on the link (please note the register opens for applications at regular intervals).

The ESFA will be reviewing this route during the first year to see where improvements can be made and also to ensure it captures wider QTS changes taking place. Further Information is available as follows:

- The Press Notice is available [here](#).
- Information for ITT providers and schools who would like to offer postgraduate teaching apprenticeships is available [here](#).
- Information for candidates can be accessed [here](#).
- The apprenticeship standard and the end-point assessment plan for the post-graduate teaching apprenticeship is online [here](#).

If you are interested in this apprenticeship from September 2018, please contact NYCC's Schools HR Advisory Team schoolshradvisory@northyorks.gov.uk or ring [01609 798343](tel:01609798343). The team will direct enquiries to NYCC's Corporate Workforce Development Team as appropriate.