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**WORKSHOP TITLE**  
Routes to Primary Teaching-  
Ireland and UK

# This session

- Primary Teaching: Ireland
- Irish
- Primary Teaching: UK
- Other Popular Courses...

# Primary Teaching in Ireland

# Primary Teaching - Ireland

- 2 routes
- Full-time course
- Distance/On-line course – Hibernia College

Both Routes – Recognised by Teaching Council / Department of Education

# Entry Requirements

- Minimum 2.2 Honours degree
- Leaving Certificate requirements (for 2021 Entry)  
Irish:H4 (HC1/HC2)  
Maths O4/H7 (OC1/OC2/HE)  
English O4/H7 (OC1/OC2/HE)
- See Hibernia College website [www.hiberniacollege.com](http://www.hiberniacollege.com) for details of other alternative qualifications accepted by them

# Full-time Course

- College based
- Froebel Dept, Maynooth University,
- DCU (formerly St. Patrick's College Drumcondra)
- Colaiste Mhuire (Marino)
- Mary Immaculate College, Limerick
- 2 years
- Cannot guarantee that course will run in future years – course sanctioned on a yearly basis
- Further details of entry requirements on CDC Maynooth Information Sheets <http://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources>
- And on various universities websites

# Full Time Course

- Course usually starts in September
  - Online application for DCU, Maynooth University and Marino Institute
  - Mary Immaculate College, Limerick – pay application fee online then submit paper application form
- Hibernia – 2 intakes: September/April – See [www.hiberniacollege.com](http://www.hiberniacollege.com) for details of upcoming intake

Applicants can apply to all courses

# When can I apply?

- Full-time course – Course starts in September
- Closing Date: 5pm 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Hibernia – 2 intakes: September/April – See [www.hiberniacollege.com](http://www.hiberniacollege.com) for details of upcoming intake



# Applications

- As part of application process, applicants must sit an Irish Oral (TEG Level B1)
- Apply for Irish Oral – (TEG Level B1) before 5pm 6th January 2021 – <http://www.teg.ie/about-exams/teg-pme-primaryteaching.860.html>
- Applicants must achieve at least 65% in the Oral to be eligible to apply for the PME Primary Course

# How are places awarded?

- Application Form
- Interview

# Why people do not get places?

- Do not have Degree Marks/LC Marks
- Not sufficient research into teaching
- Classroom observation/Work Shadow in a school– may not be possible in current climate
- Talking with teachers (FB, Networking, etc)
- Becoming familiar with curriculum and current issues

[International Froebel Society](#)[School Placement](#)[Development and Intercultural Education \(DICE\)](#)[Summer courses](#)[The Turn to Teaching Project](#)[Bachelor of Education \(BEd\)](#)[Professional Master of Education \(Primary Teaching\)](#)[BA Early Childhood - Teaching and Learning](#)[Eleathanach](#)[Machnamh](#)[Master of Education \(Research in Practice\)](#)[Visiting students - Erasmus/International](#)[Dancer in Residence](#)[Postgraduate Diploma in Inclusive and Special Education](#)

completing an online application form on [www.teg.ie](#). Registrations now open and the closing date for TEG applications is **5pm on Wednesday, 6th January 2021**. If you have questions relating to the Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG), visit the website: <http://www.teg.ie/english.167.html> or contact TEG directly at the email address: [teanga@mu.ie](mailto:teanga@mu.ie) and telephone **01 708 3737**.

Persons who successfully complete this programme are eligible to be registered by the Teaching Council under Route 1: Primary and will thereby be eligible for appointment in primary schools.

[➤ Application Procedure & Closing Date](#)[➤ Conditions of Eligibility](#)[➤ Selection Procedure](#)[➤ General Information](#)[➤ Appendix 1](#)[➤ Important contact information](#)

*Síniú an Iarrthóra*

Signature of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Dáta/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Uimh. an Bhoird/Board No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Start time: \_\_\_\_\_ End time: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the appropriate mark in each of the right-hand boxes below.  
A total mark of less than 40 is considered a fail.

**Suitability: Total marks available (100)**

	Very Poor	Poor	Adequate	Good	Very Good	Excellent	Mark
Suitability to Teach	0-3	4-7	8-10	11-13	14-16	17-20	
Motivation	0-2	3-5	6-8	9-11	12-13	14-15	
Interpersonal Skills	0-3	4-7	8-10	11-13	14-16	17-20	
Communication Ability	0-3	4-7	8-10	11-13	14-16	17-20	
Relevant Talents and Aptitudes	0-1	2-3	4-5	6	7-8	9-10	
Evidence of Leadership and Initiative	0-1	2-3	4-5	6	7-8	9-10	
Relevant Experience	0	1	2	3	4	5	



# Personal Statement.

- Why do you want to be a teacher?
  - How did you become interested in teaching?
  - What have you discovered about teaching from any relevant experience?
  - Show that you know what is involved in this work
  - What will you bring to a Teaching Career?
- Display that you have these **skills** needed to be a good teacher and give real life examples...
  - Committed / Motivated /Interested
  - Enthusiastic
  - Interpersonal / team-working skills
  - Good communication skills
  - Resilient
  - Organisation Skills
  - Show your knowledge of subjects / interest in the curriculum

# What can you do now?

- Improve your Irish-many courses available

<https://www.dit.ie/oifignagaeilge/services/classes/>

- If possible get observation in primary schools
  - Variety of schools
  - Variety of classes
  - Gain as much observation experience as possible

Contact school principal, explain that you need observation (not teaching experience)

- If you can't gain observation in schools, talk to teachers about their day to day work etc

Irish



# Honours Leaving Cert Irish

- At least H4 in honours Irish required (Entry 2021)

What if I don't have this?

– Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (Level B2) – Contact Maynooth University Centre for Irish Studies for details [www.teg.ie](http://www.teg.ie)

OR

- Re-sit Leaving Cert Honours Irish

– Teacher Training in the U.K\*

See Hibernia College website [www.hiberniacollege.com](http://www.hiberniacollege.com) for details of other alternative qualifications accepted by them

\* Credit shortfalls may apply – contact Teaching Council for further information

# Maths

## Alternatives to a second-level qualification in Mathematics

- A Pass grade obtained in Mathematics in the Matriculation Examination (which existed up to 1992).
- A merit grade (65-79%) or distinction grade (80-100%) obtained in QQI Level 5 Mathematics Course (5N 1833) • Colleges offering this course can be found by searching on [www.qualifax.ie](http://www.qualifax.ie) and through various Nightcourse providers

# What can you do now?

- TEG

<https://www.teg.ie/about-exams/teg-pme-primary-teaching.860.html>

- Contact State Examinations Commission – Re-sitting Leaving Cert
- [www.examinations.ie](http://www.examinations.ie) • [entries@examinations.ie](mailto:entries@examinations.ie)



As Gaeilge

Sign Up!

# TEG & PME (Primary Teaching)

Institutions of Education around Ireland will be recruiting in winter 2020 for the Professional Master in Education (PME - Primary Teaching) which will commence in September 2021. As part of the entry process, applicants are required to take the Teastas Eorpach na Gaeilge (TEG) Meánleibhéal 1 (B1) Irish-language oral examination. Applicants must achieve 65% or higher in this oral examination to satisfy entry requirements. Further information and sample exam papers are available below.

- > [Syllabus and guidelines for candidates](#)
- > [Sample Exam 1 and Sample Exam 2](#)
- > [Chief Examiner's Report \(2020\)](#)
- > [Application form for PME candidates](#)

**Exam Date: TEG Oral exams for 2021:** 22 & 23 January 2021; 5 & 6 February 2021

**Exam venue:** online

**Fee:** €100

- About exams
- Exam material
- Exam fees
- Exam Dates & Centres 2020 & 2021
- Register for a TEG exam
- Appeals and Additional Feedback
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# Preparatory Courses TEG

<https://www.teg.ie/info-advice/course-centres.158.html>



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# Course centres

## ONLINE COURSES

An Foras Pátrúnachta (For teachers only)

(01) 6294110

tomas@foras.ie

www.foras.ie

### DUBLIN

Conradh na Gaeilge

6 Harcourt Street

- Info & advice
- Information & advice for candidates
- Information & advice for teachers
- Information for secondary schools
- Information for employers
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Primary Teaching: UK

# Entry Requirements

England Ordinary Grade C in English and Mathematics and a Grade C in Science subject – check with individual colleges for specific requirements.

<https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/train-teach-england/teacher-training-entry-requirements-england>

Wales - <https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/train-teach-wales/teacher-training-entry-requirements-wales>

Scotland - Entry Requirements GCSE equates to Ordinary Level Leaving Certificate.

<https://teachinscotland.scot/become-a-teacher/primary/>

Some institutions hold special equivalency test if you do not meet the Leaving Certificate requirements:

- **Always** check with individual colleges about Additional Entry Requirements
- School based observation (minimum 2 weeks) is expected.
- Observation in a number of schools is preferred.
- Applicants will be expected to demonstrate relevance of their degree to the Primary School Curriculum.



# Applications

- England/Wales: <https://www.ucas.com/teaching-in-the-uk>

UCAS Teacher Training Application

Fee - £25 for 3 courses

Applications open from mid October. There is no closing date. Some courses will fill up quickly, it is advisable to apply early.

- Scotland: <https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/train-teach-scotland>

Application Fee -£25 for 5 choices

Closing date 15th January 2020.

# Northern Ireland

- Entry Requirements Ordinary Grade C in English, Mathematics and Science subject – check with individual colleges for specific requirements

You must apply individually to each Univeristy:

- University of Ulster (Colrairie) <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/>
- St Marys University Belfast (Irish Medium) <https://www.stmarys-belfast.ac.uk/>
- Stranmills University College: Early Years 3-8 years <https://www.stran.ac.uk/>
- Funding: <https://www.studentfinanceneni.co.uk/types-of-finance/postgraduate/>

# Making Applications:

- England/Wales: <https://www.ucas.com/teaching-in-the-uk>
- Scotland: <https://www.ucas.com/postgraduate/teacher-training/train-teach-scotland>  
<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/filling-your-ucas-undergraduate-application>
- Click on Course Search Search for General Primary (not Upper Primary or Lower Primary)
- Check that you meet general AND college specific entry requirements
- Application Procedure Click on “Apply” for on-line Application Form and follow instructions Contact academic referee and ask permission to list him/her as a referee Additional Information Websites of colleges/courses of interest – will also help with interview prep.
- Interview Tips: <https://beta-getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/steps-to-become-a-teacher>

# UK: Fees

Training bursaries are offered for PGCE courses in England and Wales – amount offered depends on your subjects and the standard of your degree. Find out more here - ENGLAND / WALES Tuition fees of up to £9,250.

England: <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-my-teacher-training/bursaries-and-scholarships-for-teacher-training>

Wales <https://www.discoverteaching.wales/teacher-training-incentives/>

Scotland: Fees £9250.00 after Brexit (as of January 2021)

<https://www.dfa.ie/brexit/getting-ireland-brexit-ready/brexit-and-you/frequently-asked-questions/>

Common Area Trade Agreement: Education Frequently Asked Questions

Student Loan Company:

- Students in England, Wales and Northern Ireland can apply to the Student Loan Company to pay these fees directly to university. <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company>
- Find out more about repayment – <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

# St. Marys Webinar 17/02/2021 7pm

Please see information below regarding Teacher Training in St. Marys (Strawberry Hill). Zoom Event on Wednesday February 17th 2021 at 7pm.

The event can be accessed through the following link -

[https://stmarys.zoom.us/webinar/register/5616101176041/WN\\_rQfnqNq6TWWtbNnqsuXXnA](https://stmarys.zoom.us/webinar/register/5616101176041/WN_rQfnqNq6TWWtbNnqsuXXnA)

Other Routes to Teaching...

# UK: other routes into Teaching

<https://beta-getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/>

<https://teachinscotland.scot/>

While there are a number of routes (university based and school based) leading to qualification as a Post-Primary teacher in the UK, to be eligible to register with the Irish Teaching Council, the route you choose must provide both an academic qualification, e.g. Postgraduate/Professional Certificate in Education PGCE (England/Wales) / the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Scotland) AND Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)

## Returning to Ireland

Qualifications gained outside Ireland must be assessed by the Irish Teaching Council. There may be shortfalls in the comparison of qualifications obtained in the UK versus Irish teacher education qualifications. For further details see Teaching Council Registration with conditions or email [info@teachingcouncil.ie](mailto:info@teachingcouncil.ie)



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## Teachers who Qualified Overseas

1. Why does the Teaching Council assess overseas qualifications? +
2. What is the EU Recognition of Professional Qualifications Directive (2013/55/EC)? +
3. How do I show that I am a fully recognised teacher in the country in which I obtained my teaching qualification? +
4. What is induction/post-qualification experience? +
5. What is recognised teacher status? +
6. What is a relevant competent authority? +
7. How many subjects do I need to be eligible to register for post-primary? +
8. When does my assessment start/how long does it take? +
9. How can I speed up the registration process? +
10. Do I have to get complete course handbooks translated? +
11. What are the fees for the qualification assessment process? +
12. What is involved in a qualifications assessment? +



All information is verified by  
NUI Maynooth Careers as of January  
2021

<https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers/useful-resources/explore-careers/education>

Handout for PME Primary

[https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document//PME\\_Primary\\_entry2021\\_v2.pdf](https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document//PME_Primary_entry2021_v2.pdf)

# LINKS:

- <https://gradireland.com/career-sectors/teaching-and-education>
- <https://www.teachingcouncil.ie/en/>
- <https://www.education.ie/en/>
- <https://www.ucas.com/students>



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