



Teaching
Agency

School Direct candidate application system 2013 - 14

Applicant brief

1. Key messages to applicants

Whether you've just finished a degree, or been working in a career for many years, you will probably want to combine any further training with actually doing the job.

Now with School Direct, you are selected by a school from day one. Your school, which could be one of the best schools in the country, will have a job in mind, just for you, and there is financial support available throughout your training.

It's a great new way to gain the qualifications and practical skills you need to become a great teacher.

So, what's stopping you?

If you are changing career and are a graduate with three or more years' experience of working life, then you can apply to the School Direct Training Programme (salaried). You will receive a salary on [the unqualified teachers scale](#) and the school that selects you will have a job in mind just for you.

All other graduates will be able to apply to the School Direct Training Programme, and could be eligible for a big tax-free bursary of up to £20,000. Bursaries are dependent on the subject you want to teach and the degree class that you hold.

Applications for the School Direct Training Programme and the School Direct Training Programme (salaried) will be open from early November. There will be one single application system for School Direct places in 2013 – 14. You will be able to apply to lead schools and search for places by School Direct strand, school name, subject, phase or location. Applications will not be accepted via GTTR for School Direct places in 2013 -14.

Successful completion of a School Direct course will lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and some schools may also award a PGCE.

2. How will the system work for applicants?

Applications for the School Direct Training Programme and School Direct Training Programme (salaried) will open from early November from the Department for Education's website at www.education.gov.uk/teachschoolirect. The system will show the number of places offered by each lead school. We advise that all candidates regularly check the site to see availability of places in their chosen subject, location and school.

Applicants will be able to:

- access information on School Direct, eligibility, funding and how to apply on the Department for Education's website at www.education.gov.uk/teachschoolirect. The application portal will be hosted separately and accessed from the Department's website;
- apply to lead schools and search for places by School Direct strand (School Direct Training Programme / School Direct Training Programme (salaried)), lead school name, subject, phase or location;
- see a school's allocation of places by School Direct strand, subject, partner teacher training provider/s and available places remaining;
- click on an 'apply' button on the school page for each subject. The apply button will

remain on until the school wishes to receive no further applications across all their allocated subjects;

- follow a link to an individual school's website details to familiarise themselves with an individual school's selection process and types of schools that may be in the wider partnership;
- submit one standardised application form and schools will expect applicants' to tailor their personal statement to the individual school they are applying to. An applicant will be not be able to submit more than three individual applications in the first instance; and
 - will be asked whether they have also made an application via GTTR for a PGCE place and if so, what subject and ITT provider they have applied to.
 - further applications can be submitted if an applicant is not successful in securing one of their first three choices and they have not accepted a place through the GTTR system or with Teach First.
- check the eligibility criteria to ensure they have the appropriate qualifications before making an application to minimise receipt of invalid applications; and
 - Please note: The School Direct Training Programme (salaried) is for high quality graduates with at least three years' work experience. Career changers can bring valuable skills and experience to the profession, which they have developed since leaving university. Schools will decide which skills and experience are important to them. This experience will normally have been gained since leaving university and does not have to be from an educational setting.
- provide two references, one academic and one employment related; and
- after submitting an application, print off their application form to take to the skills test centre which confirms a date of submission. Applicants will be advised that they need to pass the skills tests before starting their course.