

United Kingdom

Awarding bodies

Universities within the United Kingdom

Accrediting agencies

Training and Development Agency for Schools, Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted), Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales (Estyn), Teaching councils in Scotland and Northern Ireland

Key facts

Population: 59 million (CEP 2007)

Education expenditure: 5.3% of the GDP in 2001/2 (CEP 2007)

Primary enrolment: 100% (CEP 2007)

Secondary enrolment: 95% (CEP 2007)

Tertiary enrolment: 64% (CEP 2007)

Number of primary teachers: 259,000 in 2004 (UNESCO 2006)

Number of secondary teachers: 493,200 in 2004 (UNESCO 2006)

Estimated number of un- and under-qualified teachers: n/a

Estimated number of foreign teachers: n/a

Professional requirements for teaching

Minimum qualification

Registration with the General Teaching Council for England/ Wales/Northern Ireland/Scotland

Adherence to code of conduct and practice for registered teachers

Enhanced criminal records check and any other relevant background check

Payment of annual fees (variable)

Demonstration of a standard equivalent to a grade C in the General Certificate of Secondary Education in English, Mathematics and (for primary level) Science

Additional teaching requirements for foreign (non-EEA/Swiss) teachers: QTS via Overseas Trained Teacher Programme, QTS via Graduate Teacher Programme, Induction programme for foreign teachers, overseas teaching qualification (ISCED 5A), registration documentation

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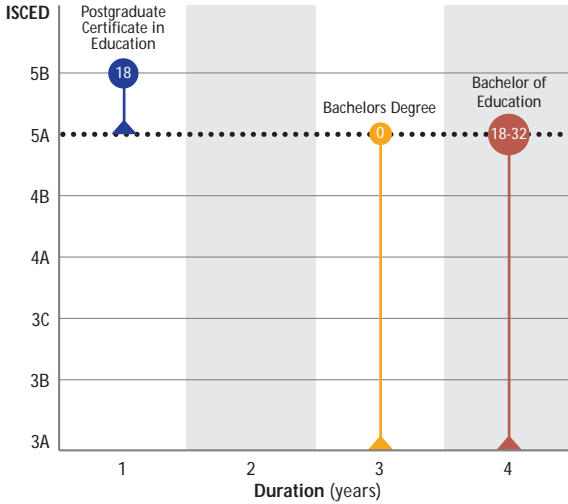
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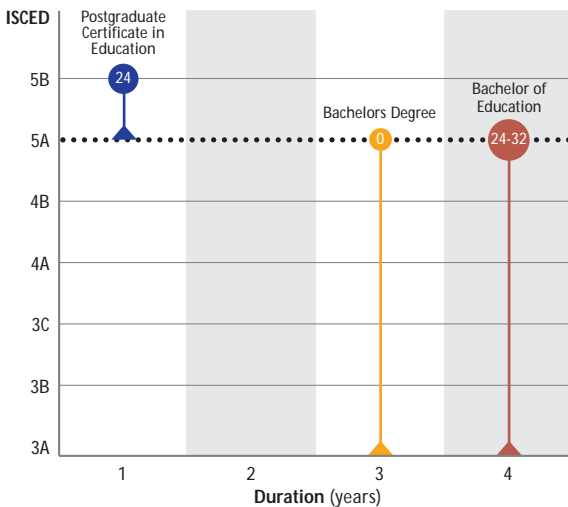
Initial Primary Teaching Qualifications



Notes

- Minimum standard for teaching at primary level: ISCED 5
- Practical component for the B Ed (in weeks):
 - England: 18
 - N-Ireland: 32
 - Wales: 32
 - Scotland: n/a
- Pathway(s):
 - Bachelors Degree » Postgraduate Certificate in Education (4, 18)
 - Bachelor of Education (4, 18-32)

Initial Secondary Teaching Qualifications



Notes

- Minimum standard for teaching at upper secondary level: ISCED 5
- Practical component for the B Ed (in weeks):
 - England: 24
 - N-Ireland: 32
 - Wales: 32
 - Scotland: n/a
- Pathway(s):
 - Bachelors Degree » Postgraduate Certificate in Education (4, 18)
 - Bachelor of Education (4, 18-32)