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Teaching welcomes talented people from all backgrounds and careers.

Subject knowledge enhancement (SKE) courses

Don't hold back from applying for teacher training due to your subject confidence – you can top up your subject knowledge with an SKE course. These fully funded courses are available if:

- your degree wasn't in your chosen teaching subject, but is closely related to it
- you studied the subject at A level, but not at degree level
- you have an unrelated degree, but relevant professional experience in the subject
- it's been some time since you used your degree knowledge

SKE courses are available in: maths, physics, languages, chemistry, computing, biology, geography, English, design and technology, religious education and primary maths. Schools or universities will identify your need for an SKE as part of their selection process, usually at interview. If they feel you need to enhance your knowledge, but have potential to be a great teacher, they'll offer you a teacher training place on the condition that you complete an SKE course.

Length of courses

The length can vary from an eight-week refresher course to 28 weeks (religious education courses are funded for eight weeks). Your training provider will decide the course lengths, which will depend on the required specialist knowledge you'll need to teach the subject effectively.

Delivery of SKE courses

SKE courses are available all over England at universities, schools, or with other organisations. They can be completed before, or alongside your teacher training and are available to study full-time or part-time, classroom-based or online. The SKE directory sets out what courses are provided. For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/subject-knowledge-enhancement-course-directory>

Tax-free SKE bursary of up to £5,600

You could get a tax-free SKE bursary of £200 per week to support you throughout the course. Depending on the course length, in total you could receive a bursary of £5,600 for a 28-week course or £2,400 for a shorter course of 12 weeks.

SKE in modern foreign languages

Language teachers often teach two languages in their school. In order to equip you with the subject knowledge to teach an additional language and to increase your employment prospects, you can now complete two SKE courses to refresh your main teaching language and to study another language. Your training provider will decide the length of each SKE course you may need, but it is expected that an SKE course to refresh your main language should take around eight weeks and an SKE course in another language should take up to 28 weeks. Both courses will be fully funded and can take place before or during your teacher training.

If you think an SKE course will benefit you, contact the schools or universities you intend to apply to for more information. Alternatively, you can speak to our expert advisers on Freephone **0800 389 2500** or via our online chat service on the Get Into Teaching website between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Friday.

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