

# Initial Teacher Training Grant 2011-12

Funding for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

It was announced in late 2010 that IfL would be administering government grants on behalf of the department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) for teachers studying a part-time 'in-service' Diploma level ITT course in the Lifelong Learning Sector from September 2010. This grant was originally for the 2010-11 financial period for courses that started between 1 September 2010 and 31 March 2011.

We are now pleased to confirm that further funding has been secured for the continuation of this grant into 2011-12 to support those starting year one of a course from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012, and those starting year two from 1 September 2011 to 31 March 2012.

The Fee Grant is a contribution to fee costs for ITT courses and aims to help FE employers discharge their responsibilities for staff development and for meeting requirements in the FE teacher regulations.

As the budget for 2011-12 is limited to £3.5m, IfL have been asked to ensure that spend is capped at that level. However, estimates based on last year's expenditure show that this should be sufficient to meet most if not all of the expected demand. However we encourage employers to make claims as soon as possible after courses commence.

To be eligible for the flat rate, non means tested grant of up to £400 per individual teacher, the FE Employer (FE Colleges, Work Based Learning Providers and Adult Community Learning Providers) must ensure that their teachers meet the following criteria.

## Eligibility criteria:

- They must be a current member of IfL
- They must not already hold a diploma level (level 5+) initial teaching qualification, except where undertaking the Skills for Life additional diploma in (ESOL, Literacy or Numeracy).
- They must be undertaking one of the following diploma level ITT courses in the Lifelong Learning Sector:
  - \* Diploma in teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS)
  - \* Skills for Life integrated DTLLS
  - \* The Additional Diploma in ESOL, Literacy or Numeracy
  - \* PGCE (in Lifelong Learning)
  - \* Cert Ed (in lifelong learning)
- They must be undertaking the ITT course on an in-service part time basis.
- They must be commencing a new ITT course in the academic year 2011-12 (between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012).

or

- Starting directly onto the second year in 2011-12 (between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012) via Accredited Prior Learning (APL).

or

- Starting on the second year of an ITT course in 2011-12 (between 1 September 2011 and 31 March 2012) for a course that began its first year **from September 2010.**

- The FE employer must be a further education college or FE employer in the wider FE sector in England (e.g. Work Based Learning / Adult Community Learning) where the FE regulations or Skills Funding Agency (SFA) contract clauses require teacher qualifications. In the case of wider provision (e.g. police / armed forces), the teacher must teach on a SFA funded provision to be eligible.

Those teaching on a Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) funded provision or in a specialist college may also be eligible providing they fall under the 2007 FE Qualification Regulations (through contractual clauses between YPLA and the Employer / provider), the employer may be asked to provide evidence of this.

- \* Volunteer teachers teaching on a Skills Funding Agency (SFA) funded provision or within an FE college are eligible for the grant providing they meet the rest of the above criteria.

To claim the grant for eligible teachers, a designated person/s from each FE employer will first need to register online with IfL as an employer contact.

Once registered and validated by IfL, login details will be emailed to the employer contact. They can then login to their employer record at <http://www.ifl.ac.uk/employers> and claim the grant for their eligible teachers. It is the responsibility of employers to ensure that the teachers for whom they are claiming the grant on behalf of meet all the eligibility criteria.

The grant can only be claimed as a reimbursement to course fees already paid, it cannot be claimed in advance of the course start date.

#### **The following are not eligible for the ITT Grant:**

- Pre-service trainee teachers on a placement as part of their course.
- Agency teachers
- Self employed teachers

#### **What is the difference between volunteer and placement teachers?**

Please consider the following when determining whether a teacher is volunteering or on a placement:

**Volunteer teacher** - an in-service experienced teacher who is teaching on a volunteer basis, and would undertake their ITT course on a part time in-service basis.

**Placement teacher** - a pre-service student teacher who is not yet qualified to teach but is required to undertake teaching hours as part of their ITT course, and would therefore usually undertake the course on a full time pre-service basis.

For further information please see <http://www.ifl.ac.uk/employers/funding-for-itt>

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- \* The current funding agreement is valid for the 2011-12 financial year.