



## University of Reading Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship

### Train on the job while earning a salary

The [Postgraduate Teacher Apprenticeship](#) is a salaried route to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), with a start date of September 2026. The programme is an employer apprenticeship, funded through the apprenticeship levy, and is free of charge for apprentices. It provides an opportunity to earn a salary while completing initial teacher training.

### Key features:

- 10-month programme (September–June)
- Available for primary, special and secondary school teaching
- Levy-funded employer apprenticeship
- Salaried route to teaching, free for apprentices

Apprentices are employed by a school on the unqualified teacher pay scale and complete a blend of university-led training and school-based experience. A minimum of 20% off-the-job training is undertaken throughout the year, alongside classroom teaching and mentoring in school.

Primary apprentices can follow a general primary, 3–7 or special educational needs (SEND) pathway. Secondary apprentices can train in a range of subjects aligned with other secondary teacher training routes. There is also an optional Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) available at Level 7, subject to an additional fee.

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