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Claim a payment for teaching maths or physics - eligibility and payment details

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Eligible teachers

You must be employed in a state-funded secondary, including middle-deemed secondary schools, in England, in either a:

- local-authority-maintained school
- academy or free school
- local-authority-maintained or non-maintained special school

Supply teachers

You can claim as long as you:

- are not employed by a private agency
- have a contract for at least one term

Teachers' qualifications

To claim you must have completed at least one:

- UK undergraduate or postgraduate mathematics-related degree – G1 to G9 on the [JACS 3.0 principal subject codes](#)
- UK undergraduate or postgraduate physics-related degree – F3 on the [JACS 3.0 principal subject codes](#)
- equivalent non-UK degree
- initial teacher training (ITT) course specialising in mathematics or physics

Teacher status: QTS and QTLS

To claim you must have either qualified teacher status (QTS) or qualified teacher learning and skills (QTLS) status.

QTS

If you have QTS, it must have been awarded in these academic years:

- 2014 to 2015 up to 2018 to 2019 – to claim a payment in the academic year 2019 to 2020
- 2015 to 2016 up to 2019 to 2020 – to claim a payment in the academic year 2020 to 2021

The academic year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

QTLS

If you have QTLS you must be a member of the Society for Education and Training (SET) and have completed an initial teacher training (ITT) course in these academic years:

- 2014 to 2015 up to 2018 to 2019 – to claim a payment in the academic year 2019 to 2020
- 2015 to 2016 up to 2019 to 2020 – to claim a payment in the academic year 2020 to 2021

The academic year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

Teachers on leave

You can still claim if you are on:

- annual leave
- sickness leave
- maternity leave
- paternity leave
- adoption leave
- military service, for example, as a reservist

Performance at work

You are **not** eligible if you are subject to:

- formal capability proceedings
- disciplinary action

You can claim if you are no longer subject to formal capability proceedings or disciplinary action by 28 February of the same academic year.

Eligible subjects

You must teach maths or physics. This can be as part of a broader curriculum.

Regional eligibility criteria

Teachers must be employed in one of the local authorities specified below.

North east

- County Durham
- Darlington

- Gateshead
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough
- Newcastle upon Tyne
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- Redcar and Cleveland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-Tees
- Sunderland

Yorkshire and Humber

- Barnsley
- Bradford
- Calderdale
- Craven
- Doncaster
- East Riding of Yorkshire
- Hambleton
- Harrogate
- Kingston upon Hull
- Kirklees
- Leeds
- North East Lincolnshire
- North Lincolnshire
- Richmondshire
- Rotherham
- Ryedale
- Scarborough
- Selby
- Sheffield
- Wakefield
- York

Opportunity areas not included above

- Blackpool

- Derby
- Fenland and East Cambridgeshire
- Hastings
- Ipswich
- Norwich
- Oldham
- Stoke-on-Trent
- West Somerset

Payment

The additional payment for teaching maths or physics is £2,000 after tax.

You may receive slightly less than £2,000 if your payment is subject to a student loan deduction.

Student loan deduction

The payment is treated as pay, therefore a small deduction may be made from the £2,000 to contribute towards repaying your student loan. If applicable, this deduction will be made automatically when we pay you.

Income Tax and National Insurance

The Department for Education will pay Income Tax and National Insurance on your payment on your behalf. Neither you nor your employing school will need to pay any additional Income Tax or National Insurance on the payment.

Salary and pensions

The payment is not part of your salary from your employer. You, your employer, or the government will not make a contribution to your pension as part of this payment.

Part-time teachers

Part-time teachers receive the same payment as full-time teachers.

Number of payments

You can only claim one payment for teaching maths or physics in each academic year. For example, you will not get multiple payments if you have more than one contract.

If you are also eligible to [claim back your student loan repayments](#), you can get both payments in each academic year.

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