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The international relocation payment (IRP) is a single payment of £10,000 which will be available to eligible non-UK trainees and teachers of languages and physics.

The payment is designed to cover:

- the costs of visas
- the immigration health surcharge
- other relocation expenses

The IRP will offer financial support to teachers and trainees from all over the world who wish to come to train and work in English schools. It will be paid around the end of the teacher's or trainee's first term. It will not need to be repaid.

If eligible, trainee teachers can receive both the IRP and a bursary or scholarship.

We are running the international relocation payment as a pilot in the 2023 to 2024 academic year.

The scheme will open to applications in autumn 2023.

Eligibility

To be eligible, teachers or trainees must:

- be coming to England to work or train in the 2023 to 2024 academic year
- not be already living in the UK

The Get into Teaching website has full details of the:

- [eligibility requirements for trainee teachers](#)
- [eligibility requirements for teachers](#)

How the scheme will work

The scheme will work differently for fee-paying trainees, salaried trainees and teachers.

Trainees on fee-paying courses

Trainees on fee-paying courses will not need to apply for the IRP. Training providers will pay the IRP directly to these trainees along with any bursaries they are entitled to.

Fee-paying trainees should receive the IRP around the end of their first term.

Full details of how providers will receive this funding can be found in the '[Initial teacher training \(ITT\) bursary: funding manual](#)'.

Salaried trainees

Trainees on salaried courses will need to apply for the IRP themselves. They can apply to DfE for the IRP from autumn 2023, once they have arrived in the UK and taken up their training place.

If their application is successful, DfE will pay the IRP to eligible salaried trainees around the end of their first term.

Teachers

Teachers will need to apply to DfE for the IRP from autumn 2023, once they have arrived in the UK and started their teaching job.

If their application is successful, DfE will pay the IRP to eligible teachers around the end of their first term.

Expressing an interest in the IRP scheme

Trainees with places on salaried courses and teachers planning to come to the UK should be encouraged to [email DfE to express an interest in the IRP](#) so they can get updates about the scheme including when they'll be able to

apply for the payments.

Employment and immigration checks

Before any payments are released DfE will:

- work with the Home Office to check all visa and immigration requirements
- contact the employing school of non-UK teachers or salaried trainees to check their:
 - employment status
 - teaching subject

Contact us

If you have questions about the international relocation payment email teach.inengland@education.gov.uk.

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