

Changes to the Publish/Find and Apply/Manage teacher training services for 2024/25 recruitment cycle

Sep 2024

Summary of recent changes

- 1. Teacher degree apprenticeship courses
- 2. ENIC Improvements
- 3. Hiding school placement details / improving locations content
- 4. Personal statement guidance
- 5. Self serve work experience edits
- 6. Coming soon: Reasons for rejection improvements

NB: Screen shots used in this presentation show the live for Oct 2024, future iterations may supersede these designs.

Our design histories are a good place to find out more details about changes and find out if designs have progressed since.

Teacher Degree Apprenticeships Overview

Publish teacher training courses

All providers can publish TDA courses with A-level requirements (no degree requirements).

Manage teacher training courses (Apply API changes)

All providers can manage/filter for undergraduate applications (TDA).

Coming soon – Adding a reason for rejection around A-levels

Find teacher training courses

A new question and filter will allow candidates to filter for undergraduate (no degree) courses i.e. TDA Course page TDA specific references to A level requirements

The 'no search results' page shows content that directs candidates without degrees

Apply teacher training courses

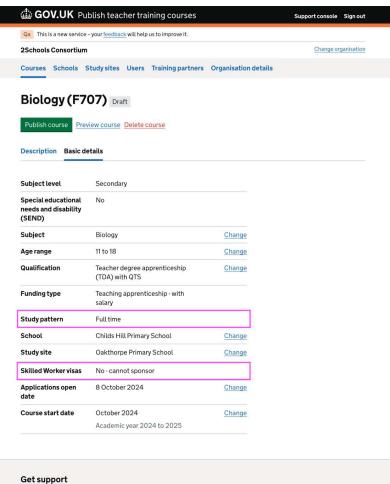
Those with a degree can apply if they wish but degree requirements are not

Design history links

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TDA: Publish

Details that will be affected by selecting a TDA course type.

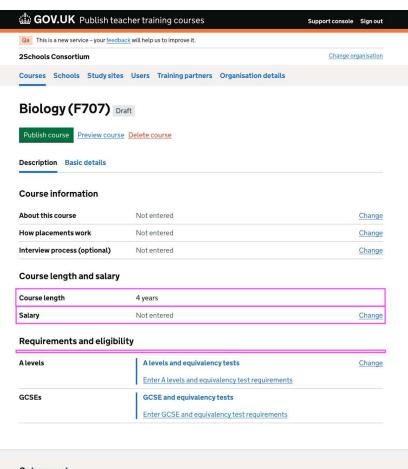


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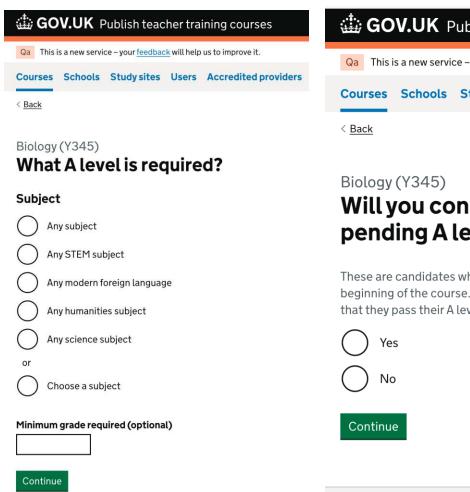
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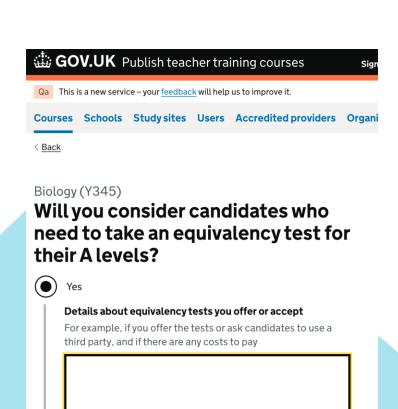
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TDA: Publish

Setting A level requirements





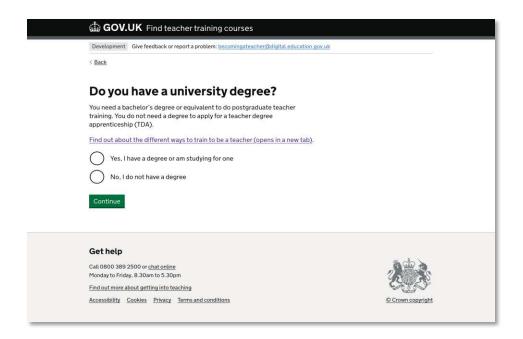


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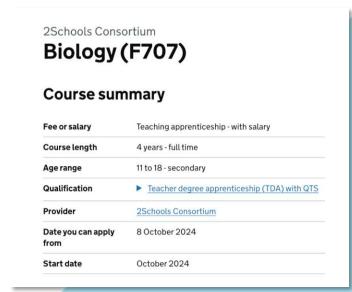
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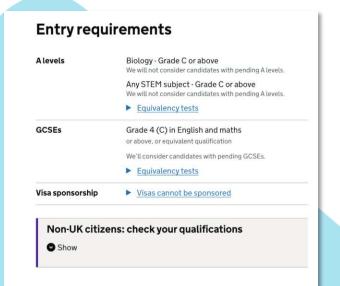
TDA: Find

A new initial search question for undergraduate courses i.e. TDA



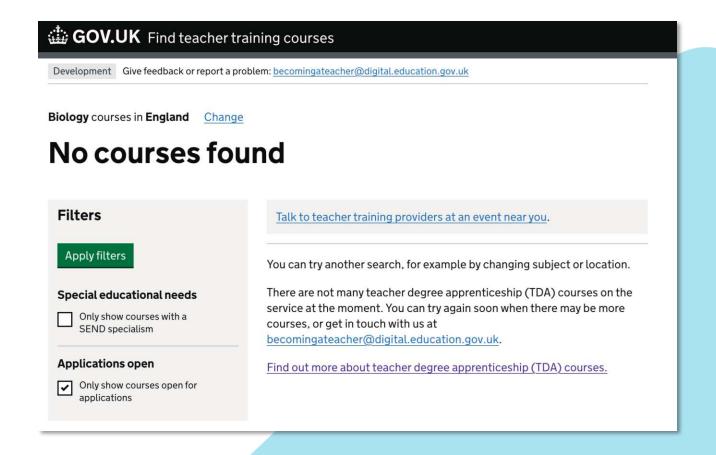
Course page: TDA specific references in qualifications, course length and entry requirements (no degree requirement)





TDA: Find

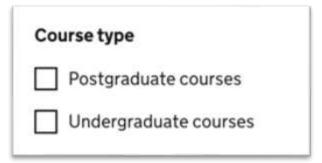
Sign posting to more information if no results are found.

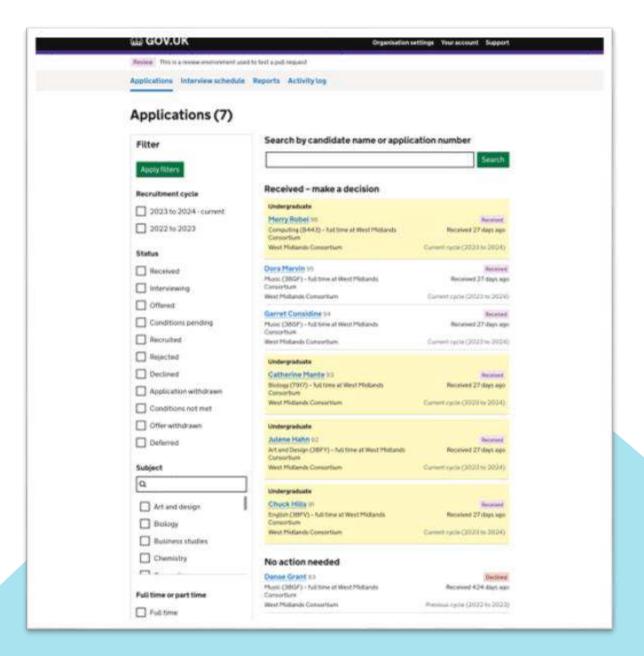


TDA: Manage

Added content and colour to highlight applications that were undergraduate.

Providers can also filter the list for post and undergraduate course applications.





ENIC Improvements Overview

Apply teacher training courses

More information given on the ENIC entry screen.

Added two variations of an interruption screen for candidates who try to submit their application without including a UK ENIC number.

Give tailored rejection advice if a candidate meets these criteria:

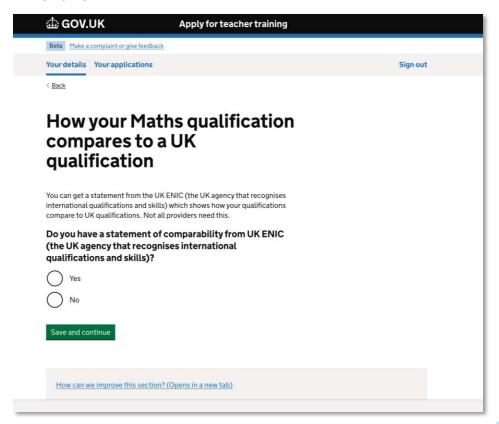
- •gained their qualifications overseas
- •has not entered a UK ENIC reference number
- •is rejected for the reason 'could not verify qualifications'

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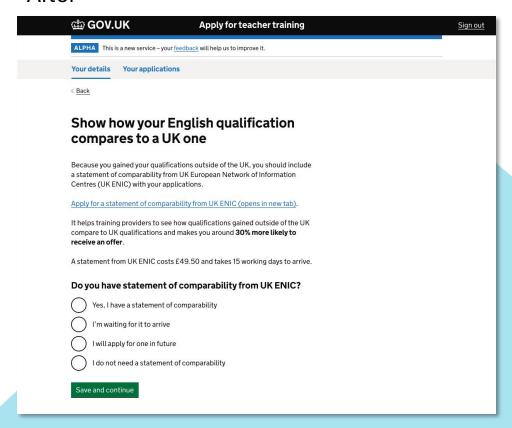
Helping international candidates show that their qualifications are equivalent to UK ones

ENIC: Apply screen shots

Before

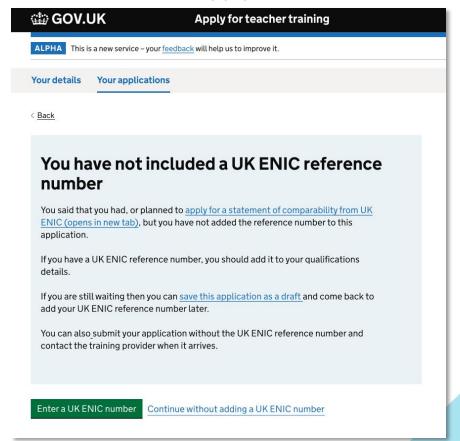


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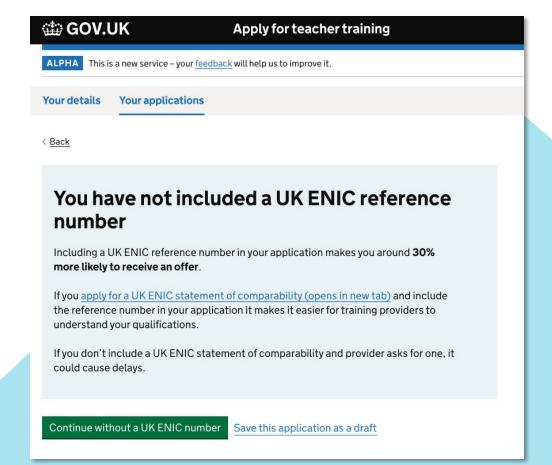


ENIC: Apply screen shots

Variation 1: If an applicant has selected 'I'm waiting for (my statement of comparability) to arrive' or 'I will apply for one in future'



Variation 2: If they select that they do not need a UK ENIC reference number



ENIC: Rejection email content

Give tailored rejection advice if a candidate meets these criteria:

- •gained their qualifications overseas
- •has not entered a UK ENIC reference number
- •is rejected for the reason 'could not verify qualifications'

Email content

Showing providers how your qualifications compare to UK ones with a statement of comparability makes you around 30% more likely to receive an offer.

You can apply for a statement of comparability from UK European Network of Information Centres (UK ENIC).

If you want to apply again you should:

- check that your details are still correct
- add your UK ENIC statement of comparability to your profile
- make sure you're happy with your personal statement
- find a course and submit another application

Sign in to apply again.

Hiding school placement details / improving locations content

Publish teacher training courses

Providers will still add placement school information to courses because the postcodes power the location search in Find.

Allow providers to toggle default settings on and off at provider level.

Manage teacher training courses (Apply API changes)

Continue to display a 'location' with the application but indicate whether the location was candidate selected (if a provider has opted out)

Find teacher training courses

No longer show placement school locations to candidates on course pages (as default).

Allow location search radius filtering of results. Tailored training location content and improvements to reassure candidates.

Apply teacher training courses

No longer ask candidates to select a preferred school placement (as default)

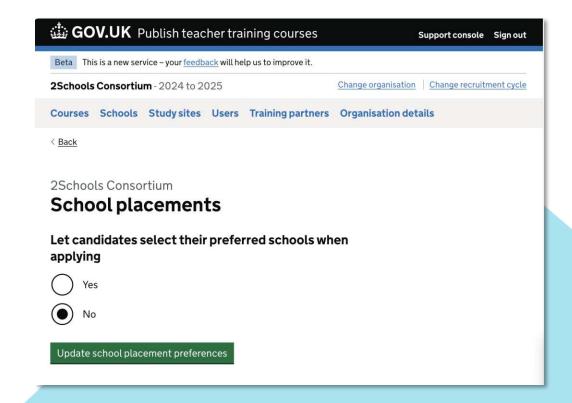
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Hiding school placement location information from candidates

School Placements: Publish

In Publish providers can currently control turning off the school placement selection question in Apply (this also turns hides the details of school placements in Find). This takes 10 mins to sync to the service.

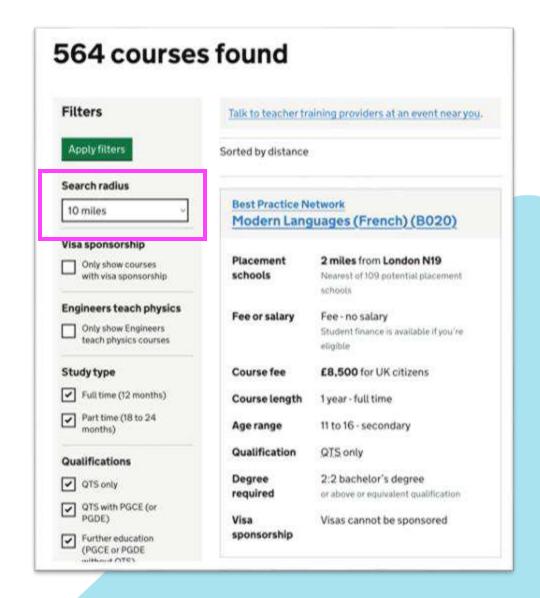
We are actively designing further improvements to this feature in Publish to allow more self-service management of school placements.



School Placements: Find

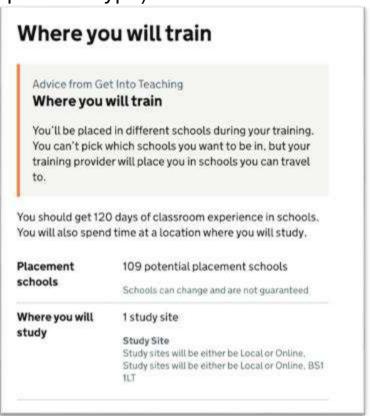
As of Oct 1st 2024 a new radius filter has been added to help candidates refine searches by location.

Location searches are still powered by the post codes of the school placements added to courses.

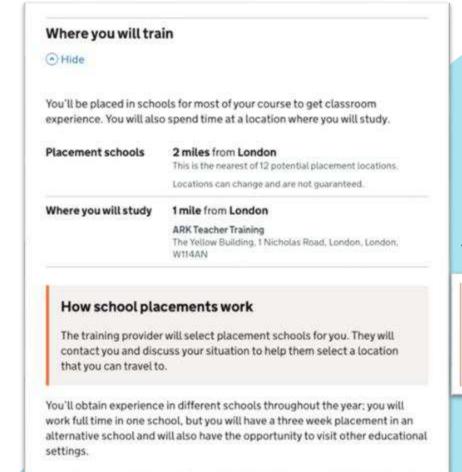


School Placements: Find course page

As of Oct 1st 2024 – no link to see list of placement school but other supporting content is the same (this appears conditional by provider type).



Further content changes in the pipeline to implement soon:



Variation for salaried courses:

How school placements work

You usually cannot choose your employing schools. The training provider will contact you and discuss your situation to help them select a location you can travel to.

Find out more about how school placements work.

School Placements: Apply

As default:

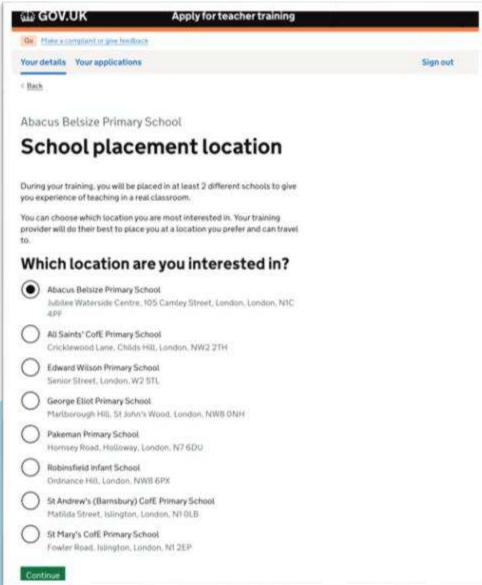
The question 'Which location are you interested in?' **will not** be shown in the application journey.

Candidates will not longer see a 'location' in their application form.

If a provider has opted out of default:

The question 'Which location are you interested in?' **will** be shown in the application journey.

Candidates will see their selected location preference in their application form.



Changes to the school placement information display

Manage teacher training courses

All application data will still have a 'location' (*site_code*) in the application data.

As default

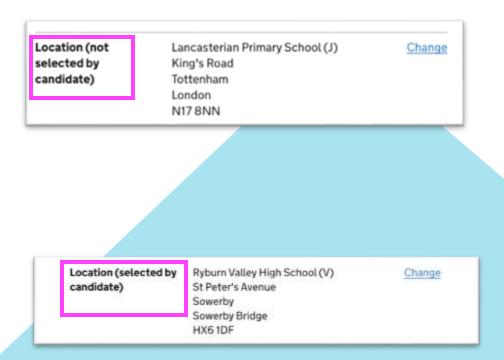
The first school on the list for the course will populate this field. Longer term we'll look to change this to *null* or equivalent.

This will be clearly labelled in the Manage application summary as 'not selected by the candidate'.

If a provider has opted out of default:

The 'location' field will show the candidate's selection.

This will be clearly labelled in the Manage application summary as 'selected by candidate'.



What next?

Publish teacher training courses

Explore methods reduce the burden on providers adding school placements to gain accurate information to display to candidates.

Ensure providers can self-serve the tailoring of school placement information across different courses.

Find teacher training courses

Implement content improvements to further reassure candidates.

Monitor the impact of changes and explore how we could better display location information e.g. via maps.

Personal Statement Guidance Improvement

Apply teacher training courses

The guidance has been updated to assist candidates who found the previous guidance daunting and confusing.

The overall ask of candidates is the same just the guidance to support their writing has changed.

Design history links

Improving personal statement guidance

NB: This change went live in Sept 2024



Apply for teacher training

Beta Make a complaint or give feedback

Your details Your applications

Sign out

< Back to your details

Personal statement

You can write about these 3 areas in your personal statement to show how your knowledge, qualifications and experience make you suited to teaching. Include any information that you think supports your application.

1. Explain why you want to be a teacher.

Reflect on what motivates you about a career in teaching.

2. Describe why you want to teach this subject or specialism. For primary, describe why you want to teach this age group.

Highlight your expertise in a subject gained through your qualifications or work experience.

3. Describe your relevant experience and personal characteristics and explain how they would make you a great teacher.

Discuss any relevant experience of working or volunteering with young people and any transferable skills or strengths gained through life experience that would support you in the classroom.

The most successful personal statements are between 500 and 1,000 words long, so make sure you include enough detail.

Read more about what to include in your personal statement.

If you have a bachelor's degree, you can get support with your personal statement by speaking to our teacher training advisers.

Your personal statement

Self-serve work experience edits

Apply teacher training courses

In the same way candidates can update their personal statement for future applications they can now update the 'Work Experience' section of the 'Your details' page

This includes being able to add, remove and update details from both the 'Work history' and 'Unpaid experience' sections.

Edits will only apply to future submissions so any mistakes on a submitted application cannot be edited. (this does not trigger an update for providers as submitted applications don't change).

