

2025-2026 Sector Update



Housekeeping

- Please ensure your Zoom ID is reflective of your name, please select the three dots ... to rename yourself.
- Please stay on mute initially.
- It's always nice to see you; if you are able to have your camera on, please do. However, we fully understand that there are situations where this is not possible.
- Please use the 'chat' function to submit questions. If your question is too long to type, let us know through the same function and we can unmute you to ask your question.
- Don't worry about small interruptions. We understand that life is continuing behind the computer screen.

Key Messages

- Welcome back!
- Advocacy and support
- Member visits and face-to-face opportunities
- Communication and insights



Headlines

- Ofsted
 - TMV Findings
 - Toolkit
- ITT Criteria 2025-2026
- Apprenticeships
- SEND in ITT
- Mentor Funding
- VRB Project
- Conference and Celebration

Ofsted - TMVs

*“As you are aware due to the pause in ITE inspection activity, Ofsted carried out thematic monitoring visits (TMVs) during spring and summer 2025. The overview report will be published on **Friday, 26 September 2025**.*

In the meantime, and to ensure you still have access to key updates, we are pleased to share a recording that provides a high-level summary of the recently completed TMVs. The recording is available on our Ofsted YouTube channel [here](#). We hope this will be a helpful resource ahead of publication.

*We will also carry out a live webinar providing a full update on **Wednesday, 1 Oct 2025 from 4pm to 5pm** after the publication of the report. To register, please use the following link: [Registration](#).”*

Ofsted – Inspection Framework

- [Framework](#)
- [Operating Guide](#)
- [Inspection Information](#)
- [Toolkit](#)
- [Statutory and non-statutory Guidance](#)
- [Independent wellbeing impact assessment](#)

ITT Criteria 2025-2026

“The Department will publish an annual update to the Initial Teacher Training (ITT) criteria later this month. While the ITT criteria for the academic year 2024/25 included significant changes to incorporate the new quality requirements, the forthcoming update will not include any major policy revisions. Any amendments will be limited to minor clarifications.”

In the interim, providers should continue to refer to the ITT criteria for the academic year 2024/25 until the updated version is released.”

Apprenticeships

- Alignment of length of programme
- Provider able to act as own EPAO – need to be on register (arranged via helpdesk – see NASBTT blog post)
 - Current understanding – applies to new entrants
- Separate paperwork still to be submitted
- Known issues with transfer of registration information since Standard was split into two (under investigation)
- As yet unknown – NASBTT following up:
 - entering payment information and payment schedules
 - impact of move to DWP
 - timescales for full transfer to Skills England

SEND in ITT

- Joint project with Margaret Mulholand
- Invitations sent on Friday (thank you to those who have already signed up)
- Please get involved!

Mentor Funding

- Updated funding guidance due to be published later this month
- Maximum of 6 hours for mentors who engaged with training previously (irrespective of amount claimed)
- DfE responsibility to audit
- Funding for 6 hours is a contribution, not a cap/expected maximum

VRB Project

- External evaluation project
- Will determine strategic direction of service
- Please sign up to be involved!

Conference and Celebration

- Join us! We can't wait to see you