



The National Association of
School-Based Teacher Trainers

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Subject knowledge enhancement: guidance for ITT providers – statement from NASBTT

The Department for Education (DfE) has today removed [Subject knowledge enhancement \(SKE\) funding for Chemistry](#) for the remainder of the 2025-26 academic year. In response, NASBTT CEO Emma Hollis commented:

“We are very disappointed by the extremely short notice given for this change, particularly at a point in the academic year when providers are finalising plans for September recruitment. Decisions of this nature have real implications for providers and prospective trainees, and last-minute changes risk creating unnecessary disruption. We are engaging with DfE to press for a more stable and predictable approach, and more considered and timely communication to SKE funding in future.”

Further reading: <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/anger-as-another-teacher-training-top-up-course-axed>

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The National Association of School-Based Teacher Trainers (NASBTT) is a registered charity committed to promoting high-quality schools-led programmes of training, education and professional development of teachers.

NASBTT is the voice of schools-led initial teacher training and represents our Members' interests, ensuring that sector views are shared and help to inform future policy decisions. Our representation and advocacy work is informed by consultation with our Members and key priorities for the sector.

Our Members include School Centred Initial Teacher Training providers (SCITTs), HEIs, Teaching School Hubs and organisations engaged in the education and professional development of teachers.

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