

# Initial Teacher Training Grant 2010/11

Further to the announcement that the Institute for Learning (IfL) will be administering government grants on behalf of the department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) for teachers studying a part-time 'in-service' Diploma level initial teacher training (ITT) course in the Lifelong Learning Sector from September 2010, we are pleased to announce that the application process for this grant is now open.

The Fee Grant is a contribution to fee costs for such courses and aims to help further education (FE) employers discharge their responsibilities for staff development and for meeting requirements in the FE teacher regulations.

To be eligible for the flat rate, non means tested grant of £400 per individual teacher, the FE Employer (FE colleges and training organisations) must ensure that their employees meet the following criteria.

Eligibility criteria:

- Must be a current member of IfL
- Must not already hold an initial teaching qualification at diploma level (unless undertaking the additional diploma in ESOL, Literacy or Numeracy)
- The ITT course must be a Diploma level course in the Lifelong Learning Sector as follows:
  - Diploma in teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector (DTLLS)
  - Skills for Life integrated DTLLS
  - The Additional Diploma in ESOL, Literacy or Numeracy
  - PGCE (in Lifelong Learning)
  - Cert Ed (in lifelong learning)
- The ITT course must be undertaken in service and on a part time basis
- The ITT course must commence in the academic year 2010/11. The current funding agreement is valid for the 2010-11 financial year
- The FE employer must be a further education college or FE employer in the wider FE sector in England (training organisations) where the FE regulations or Skills Funding Agency contract clauses require teacher qualifications. In the case of wider provision (e.g. police / armed forces), the teacher must teach on a Skills Funding Agency funded provision to be eligible.

To claim the grant for eligible staff, a designated person/s from each FE employer will need to first register with IfL as an employer contact. Registration can be found in the employers' area of the [IfL website](#).

Once registered and validated by IfL, login details will be emailed to the employer contact. They can then login to their [employer record](#) and claim the grant for eligible staff. It is the

responsibility of employers to ensure that the staff for whom they are claiming the grant on behalf of meet all the eligibility criteria.

The grant can only be claimed as a reimbursement to course fees already paid, it cannot be claimed in advance of the course start date.

For further information on the grant please see the [IfL website](#).

For enquiries please contact [Funding for Initial Teacher Training at IfL](#).