


**What's changing:**  
**From Sept 2024, the DfE are introducing the following new quality requirements for initial teacher training (ITT):**

- 20 hours mentor training
- Min. mentoring time per trainee
- Intensive Training and Practice (ITaP)

**New Mentor Requirements**  
 The DfE will require mentors to:

- Have completed 20 hours of mentor training
- Provide a minimum of 1.5 hours mentoring support per week to each trainee



**How will this impact schools?**

- A mentor's time away from the classroom to complete training
- The 1.5 hours mentoring can be delivered flexibly


**Do experienced mentors really need to complete another 20 hours of training?**  
 No - the DfE have confirmed that prior training can be considered. Your ITT provider will audit and build on your mentor's prior training and will adapt its ITT mentor training programme appropriately. (Example: ECF mentors may have completed up to 6 hours / NPQLTD qualifications may count for up to 10 hours).

**Is any funding available for mentor training?**  
 Yes - You will be able to claim £876 from the DfE for any mentor completing the full 20 hours of training. You can also claim for training completed which is under the 20 hours - this will be calculated on an hourly basis. You can claim funding at the end of the 24/25 academic year with the DfE paying claims in arrears.

**Will we still receive ITT placement funding?**  
 Yes - other ITT funding will continue for mentor release. Contact your local ITT provider for further information.

**What is the deadline for training?**  
 Training can be undertaken from 1st April 2024 and should be completed by 31st May 2025 - contact your local ITT provider (click on the logos opposite). A mentor does not have to complete training prior to supporting an ITT but must be able to provide support on the relevant parts of the ITT curriculum.

**Intensive Training and Practice (ITaP)**  
 ITaP will intensely focus on pivotal or foundational aspects of classroom practice.



**How will it work?**  
 ITT providers will build ITaP into their ITT curriculum and deliver these elements directly or virtually with some elements needing to take place in the classroom (e.g. to observe live classroom practice). Trainees can immediately put these elements into practice and receive immediate focused feedback. Trainees will receive 4 weeks of ITaP over their ITT programme.

**How will it impact schools?**  
 Although ITaP is not part of the ITT placement, schools may offer to host ITaP. Further information about how you can support ITaP can be found on our [website](#) or contact your local ITT provider.

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