

Guidance for SKE eligibility (2023 – 2024)

Please note that SKE funding is only intended for participants who, without SKE, would be highly unlikely to meet the subject knowledge requirements of the Teachers' Standards by the time their ITT course is complete. ITT Providers should continue to assess each candidate on an individual basis taking into account the eligibility criteria for SKE set out on gov.uk (see below). All candidates have the opportunity to continue to learn and develop their subject knowledge during their ITT course.

There should not be an assumption that candidates who have a related degree, that is not a direct match to their chosen ITT subject, need a SKE course.

Eligibility criteria:

Applicants may need more specific subject knowledge to begin an ITT course if they have:

- a different but related degree to the subject they want to teach
- an A level in the subject but not a degree
- an unrelated degree but relevant professional experience
- a languages degree but need to improve their knowledge of a language they will teach
- a degree in the subject but have not used their degree subject knowledge for many years

If an applicant's degree is unrelated, CTE require the applicant to have an 'A' level in their chosen ITT subject (grade C or above) and the applicant will be required to complete a SKE course. 'A' level certification will be required as a condition of offer and for compliance requirements.

For more complex cases, the applicant will need to provide a degree transcript for the CTE Subject Lead to be able to assess what length of SKE course will be needed.,

**In all instances, if you have a query about the length of a SKE course please contact CTE Admissions and Vikki Armeson for further support and guidance:

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***A second SKE in MFL/Languages may be available, for a second language. A GCSE in the second language is required (grade B or above) for the candidate to be offered a second SKE.

****PE with EBACC: candidates with an 'A' level (grade C) in an EBACC subject may be eligible for a short course SKE (8 weeks) in the EBACC subject.

SKE subject guidance summary**

Subject SKE courses on offer	Direct match degree	Related degree	Unrelated degree	SKE length
Biology Chemistry Computing English MFL (French, Spanish & German) *** Mathematics Physics PE with EBACC**** Religious education (8-week SKE only)	ITT candidate is not eligible for SKE course. ITT candidates who have a degree in their chosen ITT subject awarded in the previous 5 years are not eligible for SKE.	ITT candidate may be eligible to access a SKE course providing other eligibility criteria are met. There should not be an assumption that candidates who have a related degree that is not a direct match to their chosen ITT subject need a SKE course (see above eligibility criteria). *Degree transcript will be required for more complex cases.	ITT candidate will need an 'A' level in their chosen ITT subject (ideally grade C or above) and the candidate will be required to complete a SKE course. 'A' level certification will be required as a condition of offer and for compliance requirements. *Degree transcript will be required for more complex cases.	Course lengths are: Short - 8 to 12 weeks Medium - 16 to 20 weeks Long - 24 to 28 weeks Please see the following link for courses offered by individual providers: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/subject-knowledge-enhancement-course-directory/subject-knowledge-enhancement-ske-course-directory ** When recommending SKE course lengths, please apply professional judgement to individual cases. Please take into consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The degree subject and classification • The length of time since completion of the degree • Whether the candidate has an A level (and the grade) • Professional experience • Any contextual information about the candidate's history *Degree transcript required to determine the length of SKE required.