



# How to become a **further education teacher**

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To become a further education teacher in Ireland, there are **two options** to choose from:

**The first option** is to complete an undergraduate degree or equivalent at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) which has an ECTS credit weighing of at least 180 ECTS credits.

OR

Complete a Level 7 undergraduate degree or equivalent on the NFQ which has an ECTS credit weighing of at least 180 ECTS, **AND** provide evidence of either:

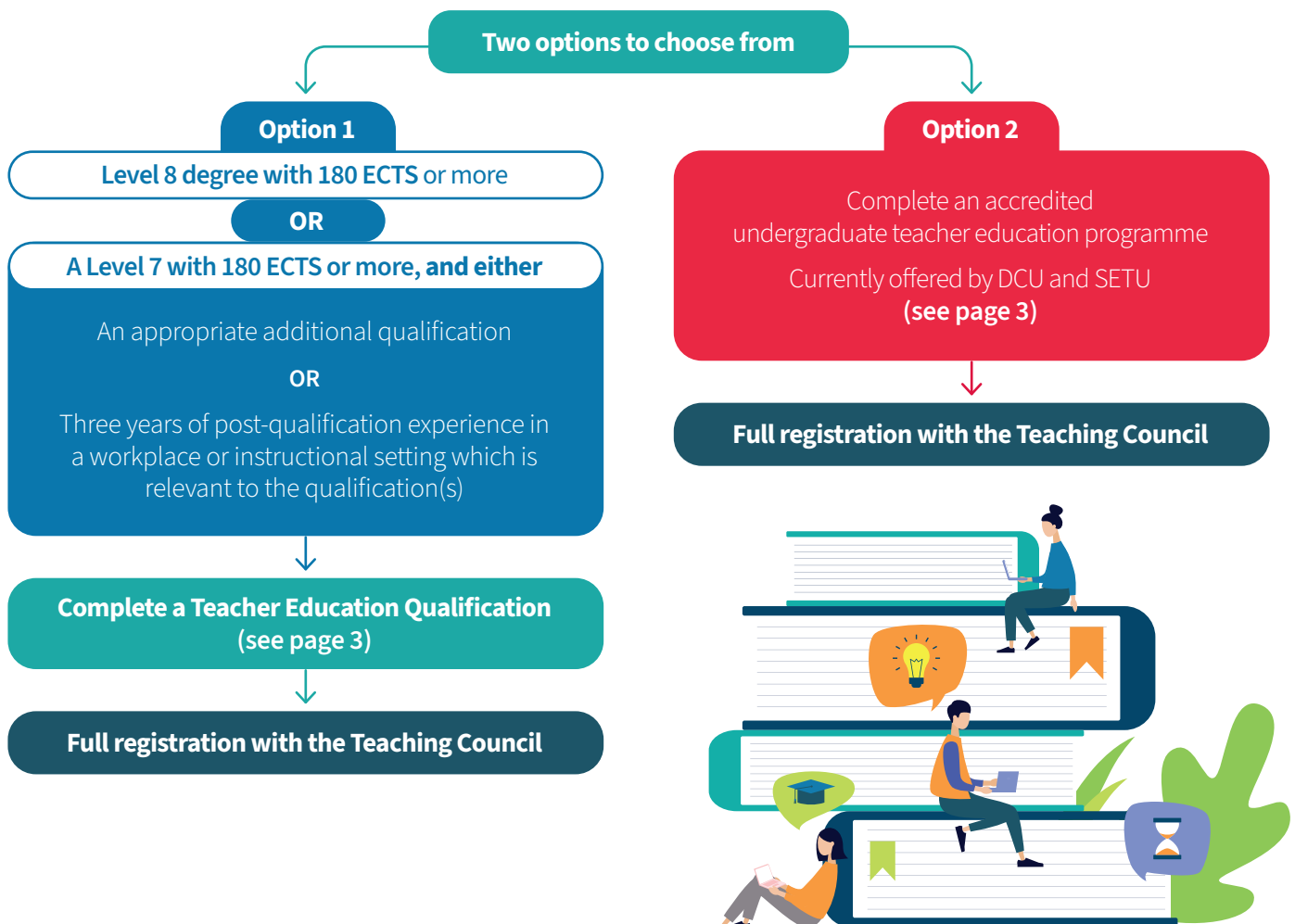
- i. An appropriate additional qualification, **OR**
- ii. A minimum of three years of post-qualification experience in a workplace or instructional setting which is relevant to the qualification(s).

AND

Complete a Teaching Council accredited Further Education teacher education qualification (TEQ).

**The second option** is to complete an undergraduate teacher education qualification in Further Education, which is accredited by the Teaching Council. These degrees are currently offered by DCU and SETU and are listed on page 3.

For full details of qualification requirements, please see [www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie)



# Accredited programmes of initial teacher education for **further education**

## Dublin City University

Bachelor of Science in Education & Training  
(Further, Adult and Continuing Education)

## Marino Institute of Education

Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education)

## Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

Graduate Diploma in Adult & Further Education  
Professional Diploma in Education (Further Education)

## Maynooth University

Higher Diploma in Further Education

## National College of Ireland

Postgraduate Diploma in Arts in Educational Practice,  
in Teaching for Further Education

## South East Technological University

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Teaching in Adult and Further  
Education

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching in Further Education (F/T)

Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching in Further Education (P/T)

## University College Cork

Postgraduate Diploma in Further Adult & Community Education



# Points to consider

1. Make sure to check the website of each provider to understand their application process.
2. As with all courses, you need to meet all the entry requirements set by the provider in your year of entry. Before applying, make sure to check the full list of entry requirements, as they may vary between the providers.
3. For the purpose of registration, you must ensure that you meet all qualification requirements as outlined on page 2 of this leaflet. For further information, see **[www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie)**

**Programme for Access to Higher Education (PATH)** is a funding programme designed to support and provide increased access to programmes of initial teacher education for certain groups of people. For more information, see **[www.studentfinance.ie](http://www.studentfinance.ie)**.

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## Where do I look for employment?

Details on the recruitment and employment of teachers can be found on the Department of Education and Youth's website:

» **[www.gov.ie/TeachingTransforms](http://www.gov.ie/TeachingTransforms)**



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## Where can I find further information?

The Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science provide useful information on their website. See **[www.gov.ie](http://www.gov.ie)**

SOLAS manage a range of Further Education and Training programmes which enable learners to succeed in the labour market and thrive in society. See **[www.solas.ie](http://www.solas.ie)**

The Teaching Council website provides information on registration. See **[www.teachingcouncil.ie](http://www.teachingcouncil.ie)**

The Teaching Council and Department of Education and Youth staff regularly attend career fairs in colleges and universities. Keep an eye on social pages for updates on events **[@teachingcouncil](#) / [@Education\\_Ire](#)**

You can contact the Teaching Council by emailing **[info@teachingcouncil.ie](mailto:info@teachingcouncil.ie)** or calling **01 651 7900**.

