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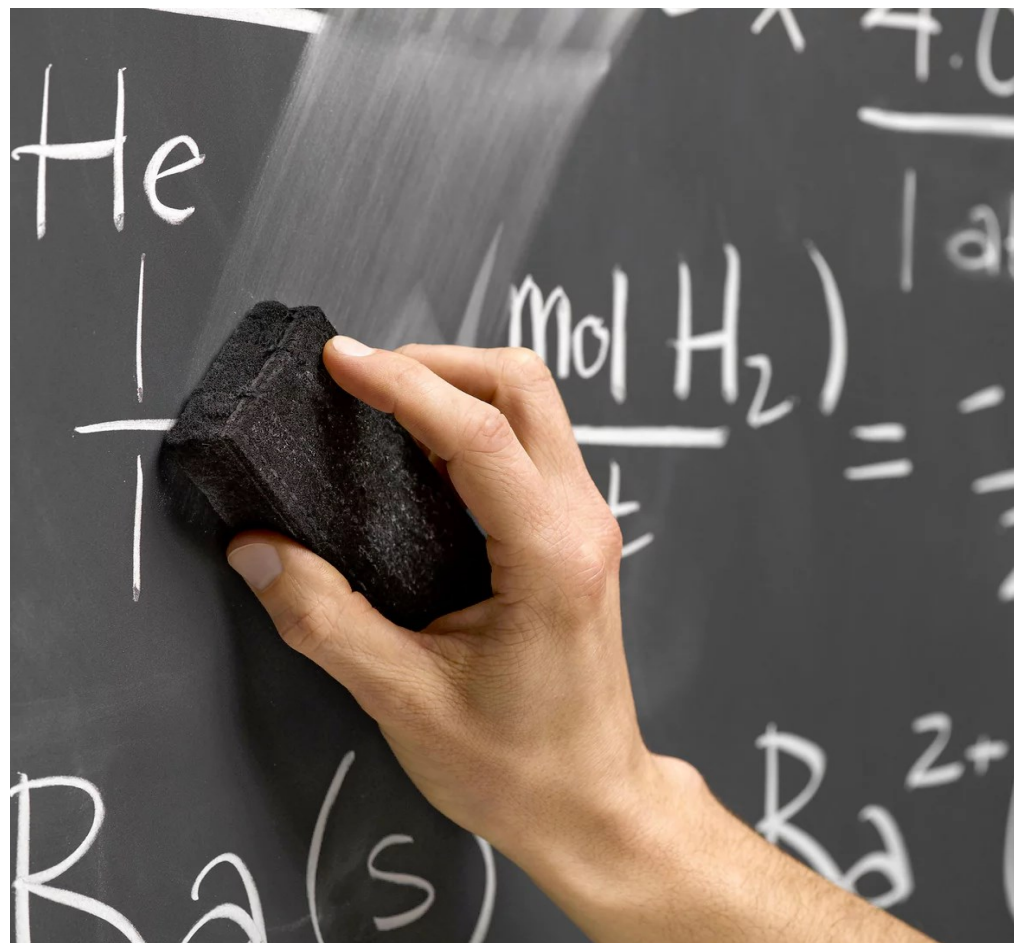
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## Teacher Training

Professional Skills Tests



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# What are the Professional Skills?

## Why do I need to take skills tests?

Everyone who applies for a teacher training course has to take the Government's Professional Skills Tests.

The tests are designed to show that you have the basic level of literacy and numeracy needed to teach to a national standard.

## How do I prepare?

You will not be tested on your knowledge of Mathematics and English in the National Curriculum, or how to teach it.

The tests gauge your ability to understand basic terms such as using fractions, reading a pie-chart, spelling and punctuation.

You can find out more about the areas they cover and take practice tests on the Department of Education's website.

## Is there a deadline?

We strongly advise you to pass your tests before 30 June if you are intending to start your course at NTU in September.

## How do I take the tests?

You can book your tests in advance on the Department for Education's website, but you must have applied for a teacher training course when you take the tests.

We advise you to book early, as the test centres will become very busy.



## Special arrangements

If you need extra time, or other adjustments, special arrangements can be made by contacting Learndirect's helpdesk:

T: 0300 303 9613

E: [support@sta.learndirect.com](mailto:support@sta.learndirect.com)

## What happens if I fail one or both of the tests?

There is no limit on the number of tests, and the first three tests are free of charge to all candidates. A charge will be applied from the fourth test attempt per subject. If candidates paid for and took a second or third attempt at a test on or after the 24 October 2017 and before 14 February 2018, they will automatically receive a refund for the cost of the test.

Recently, the lock-out period that prevented aspiring teachers from re-taking tests for two years has been removed.

**You can book the tests before you apply, but must pass them between applying and beginning your course**

**Have you experienced problems with booking your tests, cancellations or using your ID?**  
Inform us immediately at [applications@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:applications@ntu.ac.uk)

Find out more at  
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