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Organising bodies responsible for initial teacher training

NB. This table is no longer being updated.

- **National Ministry:** The Ministry of Education in each country which determines and funds broad policies dealing with the 'national interest'.
- **Federal Ministry:** State Ministry of Education, responsible for education in the specific state/province.
- **Statutory body:** Body independent from government which was established by legislation.
- **Non-departmental public body:** Body set up, sometimes under statute, to carry out specific functions on behalf of government. However, although non-departmental public bodies are government funded, they are not government departments or part of government departments.
- **Local authority:** Regional education headquarters; the local arm of the Ministry of Education.

	Standards for teaching qualification	Responsibilities of organising bodies	
		Teacher training curriculum guidance/standards	Registration agency
England	National Ministry	Non-departmental public body	Statutory body
Ireland	National Ministry/Statutory body	Statutory body/individual universities	Statutory body
Northern Ireland	National Ministry	National Ministry	Statutory body
Scotland	National Ministry	National Ministry	Statutory body
Wales	Non-departmental public body	Non-departmental public body	Statutory body
France	National Ministry	National Ministry	Local authority
Germany	Federal Ministry	Federal Ministry	Federal Ministry
Hungary	National Ministry	National Ministry/individual universities	n/a
Italy	National Ministry	National Ministry	Local authority
Netherlands	National Ministry	National Ministry/individual universities	n/a
Spain	National Ministry	National Ministry	Local authority
Sweden	National Ministry	National Ministry/individual universities	n/a
Switzerland	National Ministry	National Ministry	National Ministry
Australia	National Ministry or statutory body and federal ministry	Federal Ministry or statutory body	Statutory body
Canada	Federal Ministry or statutory body	Federal Ministry or statutory body	Federal Ministry or statutory body
Japan	National Ministry	National Ministry	Local authority
Korea	National Ministry	Teacher training institutions	Local authority
New Zealand	Statutory body	Statutory body	Statutory body
Singapore	National Ministry	National Ministry	National Ministry
South Africa	National Ministry	National Ministry	Statutory body
USA	Federal Ministry	Federal Ministry	Federal Ministry

Notes

- England** The coalition elected in May 2010 plans to close the General Teaching Council for England which is the regulatory body for the teaching profession.
- Ireland** The Ministry is responsible for the standards for obtaining a teaching qualification for primary education, while a Statutory Body (The Registration Council for Secondary Teachers) is responsible for the standards for secondary education. Individual universities are responsible for the content of the teacher training curriculum for primary education, while a Statutory Body (The Registration Council for Secondary Teachers) has overall responsibility for the secondary teacher training curriculum. In 2006, a Teaching Council was established in Ireland. Its role includes promoting teaching as profession, the continuing professional development (CPD) of teachers and the regulation of standards in the profession.
- **Australia** While the States and Territories retain control of their own education systems, a national education and training framework is emerging through the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA), including the 2003 National Framework for Professional Standards for Teaching.
- USA** Although, most responsibility lies with the federal ministries in the individual states, to qualify for certain funding strands, states must meet certain national requirements.

Sources/Further information

For more detailed information on the context of the above table – see the following sections of the full archive.

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