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# Teaching Assistant

More information can be found at

[Teaching Assistant \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/teaching-assistant)



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# Qualifications Required

## GCSE (D-G), NVQ1 up to GCSE (A-C), NVQ 2

Many schools will look for evidence of skills and knowledge gained through paid or voluntary work experience.

To get onto an apprenticeship, you'll usually need five GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade C or above. These would usually include English (or Welsh if planning to work in a Welsh medium school), and Maths.

Employers value candidates who have a relevant qualification or who are willing to work towards one.

Qualifications that Teaching Assistants can undertake through their employment or work placement include:

- Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools
- Level 2 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Level 3 Award in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Level 3 Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
- Level 3 Diploma in Specialist Support for Teaching and Learning in Schools



# Skills and Qualities

To become a Teaching Assistant, you'll need:

- To be able to follow instructions
- To be caring and understanding
- To encourage and motivate pupils
- To be organised
- Teamwork skills to work with teachers and other teaching assistants
- Communication skills
- To be patient
- Creative skills for developing resources
- Confidence with ICT
- To have energy and stamina

You will also develop skills to maintain discipline and deal with challenging behaviour.



# Entry Routes

Many Teaching Assistants volunteer in schools to gain experience and develop skills. An apprenticeship is also great place to start.

In Wales all Teaching Assistants must register with the Education Workforce Council (EWC).

Some schools employ Teaching Assistants with a specialism such as:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Additional Learning Needs



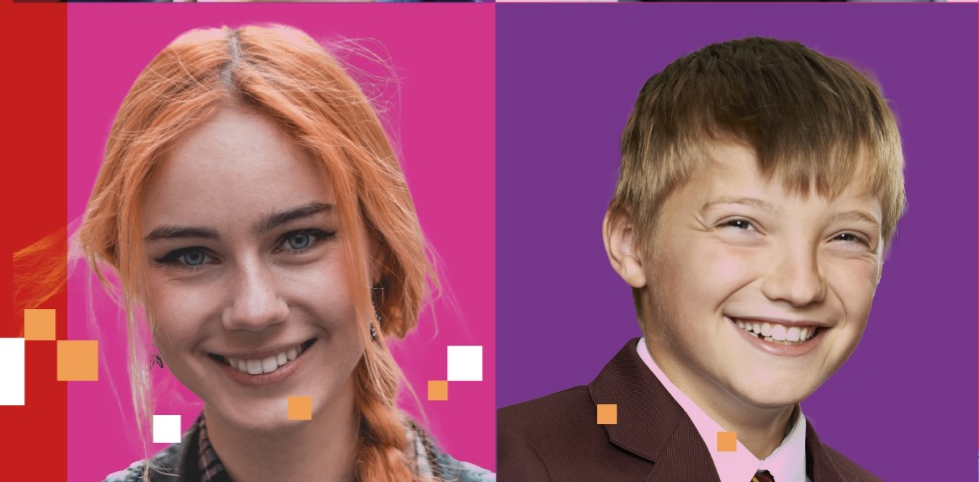
## Salary

The pay rates given below are approximate:

- Pay usually starts from £14,500 to £15,500
- Experienced Teaching Assistants may earn £16,000 to £21,000
- Higher Level Teaching Assistants may earn £24,000 to £27,000

The pay bands given are for an annual salary.

Most teaching assistants work term time only so would earn a proportion of this.



**For more information please use the QR code**



# For more information or help with your career planning

Please Contact your school-based careers adviser

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