



Teacher Career Guide

A Complete Roadmap for Aspiring Educators

Student-Friendly Guide | 2026 Edition



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What is Teaching as a Career?

Teaching is one of the most noble and impactful careers. As a teacher, you shape young minds, build the future of the nation, and enjoy a stable, respected profession with continuous learning opportunities.

Why Choose Teaching?

- Job security with government & private sectors
- Regular salary with annual increments
- Generous holidays (summer, winter, festivals)
- Opportunity to make a real difference
- Respect and recognition in society
- Continuous learning and professional growth

1.4 Cr+

Teachers in India

600+

Teacher Training Colleges

85 Lakh+

Students in K-12 Schools



Eligibility Criteria

Criteria	Details
Nationality	Indian citizen
Age Limit	18-40 years (varies by post)
Minimum Education	Bachelor's degree with B.Ed / D.El.Ed
Minimum Marks	50% in graduation (45% for SC/ST/OBC)
TET Qualification	Must pass CTET / State TET
Medical Fitness	Medically fit as per standards

Note: Age relaxation of 5 years for SC/ST, 3 years for OBC, and up to 10 years for PwD candidates. Check specific notification for exact limits.



Qualifications & Certifications

Primary Teacher (PRT)

Classes I-V

- 10+2 with 50% marks
- D.El.Ed (2 years)
OR
- B.Ed (Elementary)
- CTET Paper-I

TGT (Trained Grad. Teacher)

Classes VI-X

- Bachelor's degree with 50%
- B.Ed degree
- CTET Paper-II

PGT (Post Grad. Teacher)

Classes XI-XII

- Master's degree (55%)
- B.Ed degree
- CTET not mandatory

Nursery / Pre-Primary

Pre-school

- 10+2 passed
- NTT / D.El.Ed (ECCE)
- State-specific TET



Types of Teaching Jobs

Government Schools

- Kendriya Vidyalaya (KVS)
- Navodaya Vidyalaya (NVS)
- State Govt. Schools
- Municipal / Local Body Schools

Private Schools

- CBSE / ICSE Affiliated
- IB / IGCSE Schools
- State Board Private Schools
- International Schools

Higher Education

- Assistant Professor (UGC-NET)
- Lecturer in Colleges
- Research Scholar / PhD
- DIET Faculty



Teacher Recruitment Exams

Exam Name	Conducted By	Level	Frequency
CTET	CBSE	Eligibility (P-I, II)	Twice a year
State TETs	State Govts.	Eligibility	Annually
KVS / NVS TGT/PGT	KVS / NVS	Recruitment	As notified
DSSSB TGT/PGT	Delhi Govt.	Recruitment	As notified
UGC-NET / CSIR-NET	NTA / UGC	College / University	Twice a year
RPSC (Rajasthan PSC)	State PSC	1st & 2nd Grade	As notified

Tip: Start with CTET preparation as it is mandatory for most teaching posts in India.



CTET Exam Pattern & Syllabus

Paper I (Primary)		Classes I - V		Paper II (Elementary)		Classes VI - VIII	
Child Development		30 Q		Child Development		30 Q	
Language I		30 Q		Language I		30 Q	
Language II		30 Q		Language II		30 Q	
Mathematics		30 Q		Maths & Science / Social Sc.		60 Q	
Environmental Studies		30 Q					
Total Marks		Duration		Question Type		Qualifying	
150 (each paper)		2.5 hours		MCQ (Objective)		60% (90/150)	



Application Process

1 Check Notification

Visit official website
(CTET: ctet.nic.in)



2 Register Online

Fill registration form
with valid details



3 Upload Documents

Photo, signature,
category certificate



4 Pay Fee

Online fee payment
via UPI / Card / Net Banking



5 Download Admit Card

Download 1-2 weeks
before exam date



6 Appear for Exam

Take exam at allotted
centre with admit card



Recommended Books & Resources

Subject / Area	Recommended Book	Publisher / Source
Child Development	Child Development & Pedagogy	Arihant / Disha
Mathematics	CTET Mathematics Solved Papers	Arihant Publications
English Language	Wren & Martin (Grammar)	S. Chand
EVS / Science	NCERT Textbooks (III-V / VI-VIII)	NCERT (Free online)
Social Science	Social Science CTET Practice Book	Disha Experts
General Prep	CTET Complete Guide	Arihant / Disha / Kiran

Online Resources

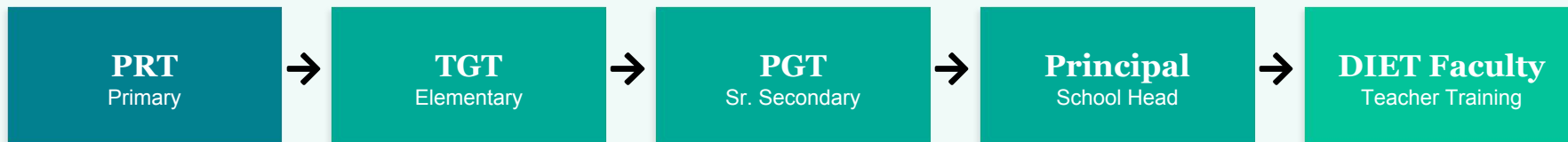
- ctet.nic.in - Official CTET website
- ncert.nic.in - Free NCERT textbooks
- DIKSHA Platform (diksha.gov.in) - Free courses for teachers
- YouTube: Let's CTET, Study IQ, Adda247 for video lectures



Salary, Training & Career Growth

Level	Basic Pay (per month)	Approx. Gross Salary
PRT (Primary)	Rs. 44,900 - 1,42,400	Rs. 55,000 - 80,000
TGT (Elementary)	Rs. 44,900 - 1,42,400	Rs. 55,000 - 85,000
PGT (Senior Secondary)	Rs. 48,000 - 1,51,100	Rs. 60,000 - 95,000
Asst. Professor	Rs. 57,700 - 1,82,400 (Pay Level 10)	Rs. 70,000 - 1,20,000

Career Progression Path



Training: All government teachers undergo BISC / NCERT induction training. NISPOER courses are available on DIKSHA platform for continuous professional development.



Success Tips

Start Early

Begin preparation during graduation. Read NCERT textbooks thoroughly.

Understand the Syllabus

Know the exam pattern and weightage before diving into preparation.

Practice Mock Tests

Solve previous year papers and take regular mock tests to build speed.

Focus on Pedagogy

Child development & teaching methodology carry 30% weightage in CTET.

Stay Updated

Read newspapers for current affairs in education policy & reforms.

Consistency Over Intensity

Study 2-3 hours daily rather than cramming before the exam.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is CTET mandatory for all teaching jobs? Yes, for government schools (KVS, NVS, state schools). Private schools may or may not require it.

Q: Can I become a teacher without B.Ed? For primary level, D.El.Ed is sufficient. For TGT/PGT, B.Ed is mandatory as per RTE Act.

Q: How many times can I attempt CTET? No limit on attempts. CTET qualifying certificate is valid for 7 years (lifetime validity proposed).

Q: What is the best age to start preparation? Ideally during graduation (B.A./B.Sc.). Early starters have better conceptual clarity.

Q: Can I teach in private schools without CTET? Many private schools accept candidates without CTET, but government jobs require it.



References & Sources

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Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti	navodaya.gov.in
NCERT	ncert.nic.in
DIKSHA Platform	diksha.gov.in
UGC - National Eligibility Test	ugcnet.nta.nic.in
DSSSB	delhi.govt.in
Right to Education Act, 2009	education.gov.in

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Thank You!

Your journey to becoming an inspiring educator starts here.

*"A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination,
and instill a love of learning."*

- Brad Henry