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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations, which apply only in relation to England, authorise the Secretary of State to make payments to—

- (i) persons undertaking Fast Track initial teacher training courses, and
- (ii) Fast Track initial teacher training course providers,

by way of bursaries and grants, respectively, in order to facilitate and encourage the training of teachers on the Fast Track Teaching Programme.

The Fast Track Teaching Programme is a programme of teacher training and career development for those assessed under arrangements made by the Secretary of State as meeting a high standard in the competencies and possessing a high degree of commitment to the values set down by the Secretary of State. Fast Track initial teacher training courses are initial teacher training courses approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the Fast Track Teaching Programme.