

The use of Artificial Intelligence and Initial Teacher Training (ITT) – all written responses will be run through an AI checker

The Department of Education (DfE) outline clear compliance criteria to which all accredited ITT Providers must adhere. In the criteria, there is a section that focuses on '**Intellectual and academic capabilities**' which states that all candidates need to demonstrate their competence regarding their 'fundamental proficiency in English'. [ITT statutory guidance 2024 to 2025 September 2024 update \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

As part of our proficiency checks, Bright Futures SCITT and Lead Partners assess a candidate's proficiency in written English through the submission of a personal statement (submitted via DfE Apply), and a written task which takes place after interview.

Please note, that pre- interview, all personal statements will be run through an AI checker so we strongly encourage all candidates to write using their own words.

At interview, if the use of AI is detected in the written task, the submission will be discounted and candidates will be offered a final opportunity to submit one further piece written in their own words. These checks are critical so that ITT Providers have evidence that all candidates have a high level of literacy skills

We appreciate AI has many benefits and can support with workload and well-being, and on our ITT programme we do further explore the effective use of AI, but for interview and compliance purposes the use of AI is strongly discouraged.