

**To: Heads of higher education institutions
in Wales providing initial teacher training
(ITT) courses**

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AMENDMENT TO THE 2005/06 PRIMARY ITT INTAKE TARGETS

Circular W05/04HE presented the primary intake targets for your institution for 2005/06 together with those for other institutions offering primary phase ITT provision. It reported that within the 2005/06 allocation process, the University of Wales, Bangor, and the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff would be subject to an over-recruitment penalty in undergraduate (UG) primary.

The University of Wales, Bangor, subsequently appealed against the over-recruitment penalty. Having considered the circumstances involved, I can confirm that the primary targets for 2005/06 have been recalculated. The revised allocations are set out in **Annex A** attached. This amendment has resulted in all ITT primary providers being reduced by one place from the previously published 2005/06 primary UG allocation and UW Bangor regaining five places.

In overturning the UW Bangor penalty, the following factors were taken into account:

- (i) the over-recruitment penalty was triggered as a result of the percentage over-recruitment in 2003/04 (4.92%) and 2004/05 (4.76%) being automatically rounded up in the HEFCW methodology. This is the first time that the penalty has been triggered by such small differences from the over-recruitment limit;
- (ii) the announcement in Circular W05/04HE that from 2005/06 onwards any institution that over-recruits but fails to recruit within the 5% target range in two consecutive years will have the standard penalty applied but will not have an opportunity to regain the targets the following year, nor will they be distributed to other primary providers;

and therefore

- (iii) the need to consider whether the standard HEFCW rounding practice should apply, and the conclusion that, in these circumstances, a more precise use of numbers was appropriate.

Please note that a circular announcing the secondary ITT targets for 2005/06 will be issued later this month.

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ANNEX A (REVISED VERSION OF THE NUMBERS ISSUED IN CIRCULAR W05/04HE)

HEFCW PRIMARY ITT INTAKE ALLOCATIONS 2005/06

INSTITUTION	UG	PG	Total
University of Wales, Aberystwyth	0	118	118
University of Wales, Bangor	117	59	176
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	111	88	199
University of Wales, Newport	95	37	132
North East Wales Institute	77	0	77
Swansea Institute of Higher Education	92	97	189
Trinity College Carmarthen	128	71	199
Totals	620	470	1090