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## Primary Initial Teacher Training: Intake targets 2009/10

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## **Introduction**

- 1 This circular sets out institutional primary initial teacher training (ITT) intake targets for 2009/10. It also sets out revised penalty arrangements which will apply to intake targets from 2010/11.

## **Background**

- 2 We informed you of the primary and secondary ITT intake targets which have been set for the sector by the Welsh Assembly Government for 2009/10 in December 2008 (Circular W08/38HE). The circular included the letter from the Welsh Assembly Government setting out the basis for the targets.
- 3 For institutional secondary intake targets, we put proposals to the Assembly Government as requested by the end of January for approval. We have now received this approval and the secondary targets are published in Circular W09/04HE.

## **Primary intake targets 2009/10**

- 4 Primary ITT intake targets for 2009/10 are set out at Annex A. These are shown for individual institutions and, as appropriate, for the new Centres of Teacher Education where these are coming into place from 2009/10.
- 5 We noted in Circular W08/38HE that provisional HESES data indicated that at least one institution had substantially over-recruited against its primary intake target numbers for 2008/09. In light of the warnings we have given in recent years about over-recruitment, we further stated that, if this position was confirmed, we would apply the 5% penalty to 2009/10 intake targets for such institution(s). This would be calculated against the original indicative primary targets for 2009/10. Such institution(s) would not therefore benefit from the additional intake targets for primary provision as a result of adjustments made in the context of the Assembly Government's Teacher Planning and Supply Model, or receive released numbers associated with the penalty reduction in intakes.
- 6 Verified data has confirmed that Swansea Metropolitan University has substantially over-recruited against its undergraduate primary intake target for 2008/09. From 2009/10 primary undergraduate provision within the new South West Wales Centre of Teacher Education (a partnership between Swansea Metropolitan University and Trinity College Carmarthen) will be delivered solely in Trinity College and PGCE primary provision solely by Swansea Metropolitan University. We have

therefore, as indicated in Circular W08/38HE, applied the penalty above to the Centre's PGCE primary target.

- 7 For primary undergraduate intake targets, the sector figure set by the Assembly Government amounts to a reduction of just over 21% on the 2008/09 targets. The allocations have been calculated on a pro-rata basis to last year's target figures (not actual enrolments). The sector figure for primary postgraduate intake targets amounts to a reduction of nearly 6 % on the 2008/09 targets. Following the calculation of the PGCE primary target for South West Wales Centre, the remaining PGCE primary targets have been allocated pro-rata to the other providers in the sector.

### **Future penalty arrangements**

- 8 We have reviewed our penalty arrangements in the light of the emphasis by the Assembly Government that, particularly in the context of reductions in intake numbers, efforts must continue to be made to ensure that over-recruitment against targets does not occur. Given the significant over-recruitment noted above, as well as some evidence of over-recruitment above the threshold in alternate years, we are introducing revised penalties to apply to intake targets from 2010/11 as follows:

- The existing 5% penalty will be applied annually. Thus if an institution and/or Centre over-recruits by more than 5% or five students (whichever is the greater) against its primary intake target in 2009/10 at either undergraduate or postgraduate level, a 5% reduction will be applied to its intake target for that level for the following year. This is regardless of whether or not the institution has recruited above these limits in 2008/09. As now, these intakes would not be returned to the institution after the penalty year.
- There will also be a penalty for more significant over-recruitment. Thus, if an institution and/or Centre over-recruits by more than 10 per cent in one year at either undergraduate or postgraduate level, its target for that level for the following year will be cut by 10%. This penalty would be reduced to 5% in the year after, provided that the institution has not again over-recruited above the specified limits. Therefore if an institution/Centre breaches this threshold in 2009/10, the penalty will be applied to its intake target for 2010/11.

For this penalty there will be no leeway for rounding down. Immediately the over-recruitment is over 10% by any fraction, the penalty will be applied, even if the exact calculation of the 10% would not give a whole number of students.

## Funded credits released from ITT intake target reductions

- 9 We will inform institutions of the funded credits and associated funding available to them as a result of reductions in primary and secondary ITT intake targets in the recurrent grant circular for 2009/10 which will be published in March. (These arrangements do not apply to the ring-fenced intake targets for Open University in Wales.)
- 10 We have been asked by the Assembly Government to remind you that released numbers not now being used for ITT courses in 2009/10 should be used for other HE education-related courses which fit with the proposals in your ITT reconfiguration plans which we have agreed with you. If an institution wishes to change or modify its portfolio of provision using released numbers, please contact Alison Allan to discuss, so that we can assure the Assembly Government that the provision continues to meet its priorities.

## Further information

- 11 For further information, contact Alison Allan (tel 029 2068 2223; email [alison.allan@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:alison.allan@hefcw.ac.uk)).

## Annex A

### Primary ITT intake target allocations 2009/10

Institution	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total
Aberystwyth University		104	104
Bangor University	69	52	121
Glyndŵr University	46		46
<b>South East Wales Centre for Teacher Education</b>			
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff		111	111
University of Wales, Newport	123		123
<b>Centre Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>South West Wales Centre for Teacher Education</b>			
Swansea Metropolitan University		138	138
Trinity College Carmarthen	132		132
<b>Centre Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>270</b>
<b>Sector Total</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>775</b>