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This Circular sets out the arrangements by which Higher Education Institutions and directly funded Further Education Colleges may redistribute funded credit values for 2009/10.

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Introduction

- 1 This Circular sets out the arrangements by which Higher Education Institutions and directly funded Further Education Colleges may redistribute funded credit values for 2009/10.

Background

- 2 Each year, following the announcement of funded numbers and associated funding for the coming session, the Council invites proposals for redistribution from institutions to provide them with the opportunity to shape their profile in accordance with trends in recruitment or their strategy for future development.

Council priorities 2009/10

- 3 For 2009/10, the Council has agreed that reallocation within the teaching funding model gives priority to part-time franchised out.

Purpose of redistribution

- 4 The principal purpose of redistribution is, as set out in paragraph two above, to provide institutions with the opportunity to shape their funded profile in accordance with trends in recruitment or their strategies for future development.
- 5 Where enrolment trends and institutional strategies are broadly consistent with the Council's policy priorities, it is expected that, normally, institutions will simply allow the funding model to work to secure shifts in credit values. Redistribution may, however, be used to reshape profiles if institutions consider this necessary or appropriate.

Scope of redistribution

- 6 Redistribution is available to both Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and directly funded Further Education Colleges (FECs). However, FECs may redistribute funded credit values only within their agreed portfolio of course provision.
- 7 Redistribution is available only in non-quota funding cells, and not in ASC 10 Art, Design and Performing Arts (performance element) funding cells. Redistribution is not available into, out of, or within, ring-fenced ASC 11b Education Non-QTS funding cells. This is to ensure that the places created through reductions in ITT (QTS) targets from year to year are kept separate until the full effect of these reductions have been realised, and to ensure that there is no financial loss to institutions. There is no limit on the numbers of credit values that may be moved between eligible funding cells. Credit values may be moved from cells where there has been recovery.

- 8 Redistribution may be used to move credit values between institutions. This could be, for example, to facilitate collaborative working or to transfer directly funded provision in an FEC to a franchised out arrangement with an HEI. .

Basis of redistribution

- 9 All transactions will be on the basis of the monetary value of the credit values moved out of a funding cell. Institutions should seek to ensure that redistributions are, as far as possible, cash neutral.

Arrangements for redistribution

- 10 Institutions are invited to propose the redistributions of funded credit values that they wish to make. Any proposed redistributions should be presented using the tables at Annexes Aii and B. Annex Ai is for information only and will be populated with your institution's 2009/10 teaching funding information. The table at Annex Aii should be used for redistribution within institutions. Annex B should be used for redistribution between institutions.
- 11 Individual spreadsheets for your institution, and further instructions, will be e-mailed to your data contacts on 11 May 2009, for completion electronically.
- 12 Each redistribution proposed must be accompanied by a rationale which should be attached to the appropriate completed annex.
- 13 In cases of redistribution between institutions, in order for the process to remain cash neutral, proposals may need to be in two stages – first within, and then between, institutions. In effect, the institution from which credit values are to be moved may need first to redistribute the credit values internally into the funding cell in which the other institution will receive those credit values.

Right of refusal

- 14 The Council reserves the right to refuse any proposal for redistribution, particularly if it results in a reduction in the diversity of provision currently available in the sector.

Return of proposals

- 15 All proposals for redistribution should be made by **Friday 28 August 2009** at the latest. They should be addressed to Leanne Holborn, (tel: 029 2068 2259/e-mail: leanne.holborn@hefcw.ac.uk) who will also provide any further information that may be required.

