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Learning and teaching strategy allocations for 2010/11

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This circular provides information on the learning and teaching strategy allocations to higher education institutions for 2010/11 and confirms the date for return of Annual Monitoring Statements for 2009/10.

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Introduction

1. This circular sets out the allocations to be made to institutions in 2010/11 to support Learning and Teaching (L&T) Strategies. It also confirms the date for return of Annual Monitoring Statements (AMS) for 2009/10.

Background

2. In Circular W07/16HE: Learning and Teaching Strategies 2007/08 - 2009/10, we invited Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Wales to submit an updated learning and teaching strategy for 2007/08 to 2009/10.
3. Circular W07/50HE: Funding To Support Circular W07/42HE, 'Enhancing Learning and Teaching Through Technology: A Strategy For Higher Education In Wales'¹ announced the provision of an additional £1 million in funding to support and encourage institutions in taking up the opportunities provided by technology and to meet the objectives of our strategy for enhancing learning and teaching through technology, as described in Circular W07/42HE². Activities related to the enhancement of learning and teaching through technology were to be reported via the AMS for learning and teaching.
4. We announced in last year's learning and teaching strategy allocations' circular³ that we would ask institutions to extend their learning and teaching strategies to 2010/11. This would enable the new learning and teaching strategies to take account of outcomes from the review of our technology-enhanced learning strategy⁴ in developing revised learning and teaching strategies.
5. Institutions are asked to report annually on progress against strategies. We have provided information on institutional annual monitoring statements for 2009/10 in Circular W10/14HE, Annual Monitoring Statements 2010⁵.

Learning and Teaching Strategy allocations 2010/11

6. **Annex A** sets out institutional allocations for 2010/11. The total sum available for Learning and Teaching Strategies for 2010/11 is £1,052,626. This includes an additional sum for the Open University Wales for the first time, as its funding is no longer ring-fenced.
7. The funding is allocated to institutions pro rata to total funded credits in 2010/11 (with initial teacher training credits moved to the institutions which

¹ http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2007/W0750HE%20circ.pdf

² http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2007/W0742HE%20circ.pdf

³ http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2009/W09%2019%20HE%20Learning%20and%20teaching%20strategy%20allocations%202009%2010.pdf

⁴ Circular W07/42HE

⁵ http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2010/W10%2014HE%20Annual%20Monitoring%20Statements%202010.pdf

are providing the teaching). The allocations include, as in 2009/10, floor provision of £33k and a ceiling of £150k.

8. As indicated in our remit letter⁶, please note that the figures given above and in **Annex A** are provisional, and are subject to change in-year. We will, of course, inform you of any changes as soon as possible.

2009/10 Annual Monitoring Statement

9. HEFCW officers will distribute electronic templates containing individually agreed targets by 9 July 2010, as stated in Circular W10/14HE, Annual Monitoring Statements 2010.
10. The AMS form asks you to:
 - Report progress against targets for 2009/10;
 - Complete a declaration of expenditure to confirm that the 2009/10; allocation has been fully spent and used for the purposes for which it was provided. This should be signed by the head of the institution;
 - Provide targets and expenditure plans for 2010/11 which will form the basis of next year's AMS.
11. Please ensure that you have reported on your targets for the enhancement of learning and teaching through technology within your AMS returns.
12. We expect to pay the first tranche of funding for 2010/11 in September 2010. We anticipate paying the second tranche in March 2011, subject to receipt of satisfactory AMS returns.

Learning and Teaching Strategies from 2011/12

13. We anticipate issuing guidance for new learning and teaching strategies in March 2011.
14. We have invited the Higher Education Academy, via our annual grant letter, to hold an event in Spring 2011 on evaluating and implementing strategies, to include particular reference to learning and teaching strategies.

Further information / responses to

15. Please return the signed AMS for 2009/10 to HEFCW by **5 November 2010**, as set out in circular W10/14HE.
16. For further information, contact Dr Cliona O'Neill (tel 029 2068 2283; email cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk).

⁶ http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/about_he_in_wales/wag_priorities_and_policies/2010-11%20remit%20letter.pdf

Annex A

Institution	First tranche September 2010	Second tranche March 2011	Total allocation
University of Glamorgan	75,000	75,000	150,000
Aberystwyth University	58,881	58,881	117,762
Bangor University	49,683	49,683	99,366
Cardiff University	75,000	75,000	150,000
University of Wales, Trinity St David	25,718	25,719	51,437
Swansea University	65,002	65,003	130,005
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	55,761	55,761	111,522
University of Wales, Newport	42,294	42,294	84,588
Glyndŵr University	29,937	29,938	59,875
Swansea Metropolitan University	32,535	32,536	65,071
Open University Wales	16,500	16,500	33,000