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# Initial Teacher Training Strategy Fund: Allocations 2013/14

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This circular sets out the allocations for 2013/14 to support the implementation of initial teacher training strategies and requests updated strategy statements from initial teacher training providers.

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## **Introduction**

- 1 This circular sets out the allocations for 2013/14 to support the implementation of initial teacher training (ITT) strategies and requests updated strategy statements from ITT providers.

## **Background**

- 2 We requested ITT strategies from providers for the period 2009/10 to 2011/12 in the summer of 2009 (Circular W09/23HE) and announced ITT strategy fund allocations for the first year of the strategy period.
- 3 The two Centres of Teacher Education which became operational in 2009/10: the South East Wales Centre (Cardiff Metropolitan University and University of Wales, Newport) and the South West Wales Centre (Swansea Metropolitan University and University of Wales Trinity Saint David), each submitted a joint strategy for the three-year cycle. Aberystwyth University and Bangor University submitted separate funding plans for 2009/10 and a joint strategy as the North and Mid Wales Centre from 2010/11. The Open University in Wales received an ITT strategy fund allocation for the first time in 2010/11.
- 4 Glyndŵr University submitted a three-year funding plan for 2009/10 to 2011/12, setting out how it would use its allocation to support its ITT operation as this was phased out. Its final cohort completed their study in 2011/12 and the institution has not been eligible for allocations from the ITT strategy fund from 2012/13.
- 5 We informed providers in November 2011 (Circular W11/39HE) that, because of the reducing amount of HEFCW grant to support funding streams of this nature, in the light of the use of the use of HEFCW funding to support fee grants, continuing the ITT strategy fund in the long-term was unlikely to be sustainable. However, to allow a transitional period, the Council agreed to continue funding at a reduced level in 2012/13.
- 6 Institutions were informed in February 2013 that, given the movement to greater monitoring and control through the fee plan process, the Initial Teacher Training funding would be reduced by 50% in 2013/14 and then removed in 2014/15.
- 7 Circular W11/39HE asked each Centre and the Open University to provide us with a brief updated strategy statement (two sides of A4 maximum). We requested that this noted what was considered to be the most significant achievements over the last three years, the strategic direction for the following two to three years and the main goals or activities which it intended to achieve.
- 8 We also informed providers in W11/39HE that we would be ending funding for the Teacher Training Recruitment Scheme (TTRS) secondary

undergraduate (UG) placement grants. For 2012/13, we made funding available for grants to **existing students entering the third year of their course in 2012/13 only**. No funding was provided for students on the second year of their courses or for new entrants. As of 2013/14 this funding has ceased completely. It is now for providers to consider and put in place appropriate support for secondary UG students from within their overall resources.

### **2013/14 allocations**

- 9 The total sum available for the ITT strategy fund for 2013/14 is £373,922. This represents a 50% reduction on the funding available in 2012/13.
- 10 Previously allocations to each provider have been based on the number of funded credits received for ITT. However, changes to the higher education funding system in response to the Welsh Government's policy on tuition fees mean that since 2012/13 we have not been operating a funded-credit based system for full-time undergraduate and PGCE students. The Open University, whose provision is part-time, still receives a funded-credit based allocation for its ITT.
- 11 To determine the "notional" credits for the three Centres who offer full-time ITT provision we have used the ITT intake targets for 2013/14 and student recruitment returned as part of the 2011/12 Higher Education Early Student Statistics (HESES) survey and progression rates calculated using 2011/12 and 2012/13 HESES survey data, and allocated funding pro-rata. The Open University receives a floor allocation.
- 12 The allocations for 2013/14 are set out in **Annex A**.
- 13 Please note that, in the light of uncertainties regarding the level of the fee grant commitment, 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.

### **Updated strategy statements and Annual Monitoring Statements**

- 14 All Centres and the OUiW submitted strategy statements last year however in light of developments in 2012/13 we ask that you provide us with an updated statement. The statement should be brief and should outline the Centre's strategic direction for 2013/14.
- 15 These updated strategy statements should take account of the following:
  - Addressing the outcomes of Estyn inspections;
  - Managing Over and under-recruitment;
  - Engaging with the Wales Institute for Social Economic Research, Data and method;

- Taking account of the outcomes of Professor Tabberer's review (when available);
  - Working collaboratively as a Centre;
  - Implementing a Pan-Wales approach to common entry tests; and
  - Implementing and managing changes to minimum entry requirements.
- 16 We would ask that you submit these to Kimberley Meringolo by 2 August 2013.
- 17 The Centres for Teacher Education and the Open University will be asked to report on progress in 2012/13 and to provide targets and expenditure plans for 2013/14 against these updated statements in their Annual Monitoring Statements (AMS).
- 18 Circular [W13/21HE](#) provided a request for AMS returns. The individualised ITT AMS forms for your Centre or, in the case of the Open University, the institution, as appropriate, will be sent to you by **5 July 2013** for return by **31 October 2013**.
- 19 HEFCW is currently reviewing its process for requesting strategic planning information from institutions and we expect that revised arrangements will be in place from 2014/15.

### **Payment of allocations**

- 20 ITT Strategy Fund allocations will be paid in two equal instalments in September 2013 and March 2014. We will confirm release of the March 2014 payment subject to the receipt of a satisfactory Annual Monitoring Statement in October 2013.

### **Further information**

- 21 For further information, contact Kimberley Meringolo (telephone 029 2068 2258; email [kimberley.meringolo@hefcw.ac.uk](mailto:kimberley.meringolo@hefcw.ac.uk)).

## Annex A

### ITT Strategy Fund allocations 2013/14

<b>Institution or Centre of Teacher Education</b>	<b>First Instalment Sept 2013</b>	<b>Second Instalment March 2014</b>	<b>Total Allocation</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
North and Mid-Wales Centre	53,254	53,255	106,509
South-East Wales Centre	67,513	67,514	135,027
South-West Wales Centre	57,036	57,036	114,072
Open University	9,067	9,067	18,314
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,870</b>	<b>186,872</b>	<b>373,922</b>