

Discussions at FE College Workshop

1. When calculating the Disability Premium, does HEFCW require any proof from the institutions that the students who are claiming the premium, are actually disabled?
HEFCW expect the institutions to have some kind of evidence to show that the student for which they are claiming the premium have a disability.
2. When calculating the redistribution and the adjustment to funding, can HEFCW give out extra funds to institutions if it can be shown that they have been under-funded for the year?
HEFCW only take back funds from institutions using adjustment of funding (clawback), if they have been over-funded. Unless there is growth in the sector, there is little capacity for increasing the level of funded credit values in the sector.
3. The freeze date for the HESES return is in November, whilst the freeze date for the LLWR is in December, what is the reason for the difference in these dates?
LLWR is a rolling record and is constantly updated, whilst HESES is collected once a year with a 1 November survey date. The freeze date used for funding is in December which is the latest months LLWR freeze available to fit in with the funding timetable, rather than being a survey date.
4. The audits take place around October or November which is a very busy time for the institutions, could the audit timetable be moved to a more convenient date?
KPMG contact the Further Education College to arrange a date which is mutually convenient, and are normally quite flexible. So you can normally fix a date for a quieter day within that period.
5. When filling in the LLWR, where do you put the qualification which the student is aiming to achieve?
You can put the Learning Aim of the student within the Learning Activity dataset under the code LA06.
6. What data is used and when for HEFCW funding.
Example given using 2009/10 funding. We request data from institutions in HESES for 2008/09 academic year, which will include an element of estimation on completion of modules. This is fed into the main 2009/10 teaching funding model. Other elements of HEFCW funding such as per capita and premiums is funding respectively. 2007/08 data taken from the LLWR is used in 2009/10 funding.

7. When will changes to structure of LLWR (LA as modules, LP as programme of study, all credit value fields completed) need to be made?

No changes needed for the 2007/08 academic year data to be extracted in December 2008. To be put into place using 2008/09 data to be extracted in December 2009.

8. If structure is changed so that module is the LA, how will this work with the links to the Awards dataset?

We in HEFCW do not use the Awards dataset. Information on attainment can be maintained internally in college for their own use. WAG have no objection with this method.