

**To: Heads of higher education institutions
in Wales providing initial teacher training
(ITT) courses**

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PRIMARY ITT INTAKE TARGETS 2005/06

I wrote to you on 11 November 2004 giving sectoral intake targets for both primary and secondary provision in 2005/06 (Circular W04/72HE refers).

The November circular reported that the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning has confirmed that there should be reductions to the primary intake targets for the 2005/06 academic year. A range of options has been considered and the Minister has concluded that a reduction of about 5% should be made. This figure is considered sufficiently large to start to have an impact on a projected surplus of primary Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs), but should not have a significant impact on individual institutions. A further reduction in primary numbers – equal to about a 10% reduction overall on 2004/05 numbers – is likely to be in place for 2006/07 entry. HEFCW will consider the implications for this proposal with the Assembly's Teaching and Leadership Division in Spring 2005.

I am now able to inform you of the primary intake targets for your institution for 2005/06. These are set out in **Annex A**, together with those for other institutions offering primary phase provision. Following the Council's usual practice, the allocations have been calculated on a pro rata basis to last year's target figures (not actual enrolments), and include the Minister's 5% reduction. In addition to implementing the 5% reduction in targets for 2005/06, the Council has been asked to continue to maintain financial penalties and other efforts to prevent ITT providers from over-recruiting against primary targets. We have therefore continued to apply the penalty arrangement for over-recruitment to primary provision, notified in Circular W04/04HE, as follows:

Over-recruitment by more than 5% or 5 enrolments (whichever is the greater) in 2003/04 & 2004/05 = 5% reduction in targets allocated for 2005/06.

These arrangements continue to allow for one year of over-recruitment. However, if institutions were seen to be using this allowance to over-recruit in alternate years, the penalty arrangements would be re-visited.

The 2004/05 allocation process penalised three institutions, University Wales, Newport; North East Wales Institute of Higher Education; and Swansea Institute of Higher Education. The withdrawn numbers were allocated pro rata to other primary providers. Circular W04/04HE confirmed that from 2005/06 onwards any institution which over-recruits by more than 5% and continues to over-recruit by more than 5% in the following year will have the standard penalty applied but will not have an opportunity to regain the targets the following year, nor will they be distributed to other primary providers.

Consequently, I can confirm that within the 2005/06 allocation process, as a result of over-recruitment in 2003/04 and 2004/05 the University of Wales, Bangor, and the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff will be subject to the over-recruitment penalty in undergraduate primary.

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ANNEX A**HEFCW PRIMARY ITT INTAKE ALLOCATIONS 2005/06**

INSTITUTION	UG	PG	Total
University of Wales, Aberystwyth	0	118	118
University of Wales, Bangor	112	59	171
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	112	88	200
University of Wales, Newport	96	37	133
North East Wales Institute	78	0	78
Swansea Institute of Higher Education	93	97	190
Trinity College Carmarthen	129	71	200
Totals	620	470	1090