

**To: Heads of higher education institutions
in Wales providing initial teacher training**

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INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING (ITT) INTAKE TARGETS AND RELATED ISSUES

I wrote to you on 4 December 2006 giving sector ITT intake targets for both primary and secondary provision in 2007/08 (Circular W06/54HE). The letter confirmed that the intake targets for 2007/08 remained the same as the indicative targets for the period to 2010/11 which the Welsh Assembly Government gave in their letter of 5 July. Institutional primary intake targets were published on 25 January 2007 (Circular W07/02HE).

Secondary ITT intake targets 2007/08

For institutional secondary intake targets, the Assembly Government asked us to put proposals to them by the end of January for approval. We have now received this approval and I am able to inform you of your institution's secondary ITT intake targets for 2007/08.

The secondary intake targets are set out at Annex A. You will recall from Circular W06/54HE that Secondary PGCE targets are broken down into Priority Group 1 (Mathematics and Science), Priority Group 2 (Other shortage subjects), Other subjects. In determining allocations for 2007/08, we have made adjustments to targets within and between subject areas, taking into account:

- sector recruitment performance in individual subject areas in 2006/07 and in previous years;
- individual institutional recruitment performance against intake targets in 2006/07 and in previous years;
- the need to balance subject provision across the sector, and to maintain the viability of provision;
- evidence from Estyn of the quality of training provided by institutions.

We remain committed to working with institutions to meet Assembly secondary intake targets for ITT, particularly in shortage subjects. In making intake target allocations, we regard an allocation of 10 intakes as the minimum for a viable cohort. Where an institution is consistently having difficulty recruiting to this level in particular subjects, we will expect to discuss future arrangements and action with the providers concerned as part of our continuing discussions on reconfiguration.

Released numbers from ITT intake target reductions

In responding to us on our proposals for secondary targets, the Assembly Government has asked us to note or remind you of various points in relation to numbers released as a result of the reductions in intake targets:

- that we let you know at this stage the ITT numbers allocated to you in 2006/07, at *primary and secondary level*, which are not being used for ITT in 2007/08. Thus the difference in intake targets between 2006/07 and 2007/08 for individual institutions is set out in Annex B.
- that planning for reconfiguration in a way which can keep the current level of resources available to providers involves sensible re-use of former ITT numbers in other HE-education related work in the categories set out in its May 2006 remit letter to the Council for ITT reconfiguration.
- as a firm and detailed plan for ITT reconfiguration is still to be agreed, the Welsh Assembly Government would wish to see the following situation for 2007/08, as an interim measure:
 - ITT numbers allocated in 2006/07 which are not being utilised for ITT in 2007/08 remain with the institution;
 - if an institution wishes to utilise some or all of these numbers for other courses in 2007/08, they should be re-used for other HE education-related courses which fit with the categories set out in Assembly May 2006 remit letter;
 - planning for re-use in this way should be done on the basis that some at least of the alternative course numbers may have to be switched in subsequent years to other areas, depending on how ITT reconfiguration develops – flexibility will be key.

The table in Annex B will give you an indication of the possible numbers available. However, the conversion of these numbers into the appropriate, cost-neutral, number of funded credits will be confirmed later, probably at the time of the overall recurrent grant announcement for 2007/08. The number of funded credits available will be dependent on the Academic Subject Category in which they are placed. Given the emphasis by the Assembly-Government of using these resources for other HE-education related work, we would expect this to be primarily ASC 11b. However, this may not be the case in all instances and we will contact you shortly to discuss this further with you.

If you have any queries, please contact Alison Allan.

Yours sincerely



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ITT SECONDARY INTAKE ALLOCATIONS 2007/08

Subject Area	Level	UW Aberystwyth	UW Bangor	UW Institute, Cardiff	UW Newport	Swansea Institute of Higher Education	Trinity College, Carmarthen	Total 2007/08	Sec PGCE Group Totals
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Priority Group 1	Mathematics	UG			24			24	280
		PG		22	26		48	96	
	Sciences	UG				10		10	
		PG	34	47	47		56	184	

Priority Group 2	English (inc. drama)	UG			27			27	497	
		PG	34	24	23		52	133		
	Modern Languages	UG			10			10		
		PG	18	16	43		32	109		
	Welsh	UG			15			10		25
		PG	10	15	17		10	52		
	Design & Technology	UG		17		20		37		
		PG			25	24	22	71		
	Information Technology	UG								
		PG		16		15	24	55		
Music	UG			10			10			
	PG		14	22			36			
Religious Education	UG									
	PG		13				28	41		

Other Subjects	Art	UG							320
		PG		16	41		20	77	
	History	UG							
		PG	22		15		34	71	
	Geography	UG							
		PG	26				27	53	
	Business Studies	UG							
		PG					20	20	
Physical Education	UG								
	PG		30	64			94		
Outdoor Activities	UG								
	PG		5				5		

Total UG			17	62	54		10	143
Total PG		144	218	323	39	345	28	1097
GRAND TOTAL		144	235	385	93	345	38	1240

ANNEX B

Numbers released by reductions in intake targets 2006/07

Intake targets 2006/07	UW Aberystwyth	UW Bangor	UW Institute, Cardiff	UW Newport	NEWI	Swansea Institute of Higher Education	Trinity College, Carmarthen	Total 2006/07
Secondary UG		20	65	58			10	153
Secondary PG	146	219	321	39		349	28	1102
Primary UG		111	106	90	73	87	122	589
Secondary UG	112	56	84	35		92	68	447
TOTAL	258	406	576	222	73	528	228	2291

Intake targets 2007/08	UW Aberystwyth	UW Bangor	UW Institute, Cardiff	UW Newport	NEWI	Swansea Institute of Higher Education	Trinity College, Carmarthen	Total 2007/08
Secondary UG		17	62	54			10	143
Secondary PG	144	218	323	39		345	28	1097
Primary UG		98	94	79	64	77	108	520
Secondary UG	108	54	81	34		88	65	430
TOTAL	252	387	560	206	64	510	211	2190

Numbers released by reductions in intake targets 2007/08	UW Aberystwyth	UW Bangor	UW Institute, Cardiff	UW Newport	NEWI	Swansea Institute of Higher Education	Trinity College, Carmarthen	Total 2007/08
Secondary UG	0	3	3	4	0	0	0	10
Secondary PG	2	1	-2	0	0	4	0	5
Primary UG	0	13	12	11	9	10	14	69
Secondary UG	4	2	3	1	0	4	3	17
TOTAL	6	19	16	16	9	18	17	101