

Circular

Primary Initial Teacher Training: Intake targets 2008/09

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This circular sets out institutional primary initial teacher training intake targets for 2008/09.

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Introduction

- 1 This circular sets out institutional primary initial teacher training (ITT) intake targets for 2008/09.

Background

- 2 We informed you of the primary and secondary ITT intake targets which have been set for the sector by the Welsh Assembly Government for 2008/09 in December 2007 (Circular W07/51HE). The circular included the letter from the Welsh Assembly Government setting out the basis for the targets.

Primary intake targets 2008/09

- 3 Institutional primary ITT intake targets for 2008/09 are set out at Annex A.
- 4 No institution over-recruited consecutively beyond the limits set by the Council in the two years 2006/07 and 2007/08 and therefore no penalties have been applied.
- 5 For primary undergraduate intake targets, the sector figure set by the Assembly Government amounts to a reduction of just over 9.6% on the 2007/08 targets. The allocations have been calculated on a pro-rata basis to last year's target figures (not actual enrolments). The sector figure for primary postgraduate intake targets remains the same as for 2007/08, and therefore institutions have been allocated the same targets for 2008/09.

Future penalty arrangements

- 6 We noted in Circular W07/51HE that penalty arrangements remain in place for over-recruitment to primary provision. We have amended these slightly. Therefore:
 - *Any institution which over-recruits by more than 5% or 5 enrolments (whichever is the greater) in 2007/08 and 2008/09 will have a 5% reduction applied to its primary intake target allocation for 2009/10.*
 - *Any institution which has the penalty applied in 2009/10 will not have an opportunity to regain the targets the following year.*
- 7 We would advise institutions to maintain firm control on their recruitment for 2008/09. The penalties above could have implications for the primary intake targets available to the reconfigured ITT Schools or Centres. Moreover, if an institution substantially over-recruits, we may need to

reconsider the broad planning assumptions which we gave in October 2006 or the full availability of released numbers from the reductions in ITT intake targets.

- 8 For institutional secondary intake targets, the Assembly Government has asked us to put proposals to them by the end of January for approval and we will inform you of these once we have received their response.

Further information

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Annex A

Primary ITT intake target allocations 2008/09

Institution	Undergraduate	Postgraduate	Total
Aberystwyth University	0	108	108
Bangor University	88	54	142
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	85	81	166
University of Wales, Newport	71	34	105
North East Wales Institute	58	0	58
Swansea Metropolitan University	70	88	158
Trinity College Carmarthen	98	65	163
Total	470	430	900