

Circular

Secondary Initial Teacher Training: Intake targets 2008/09

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It also sets out Welsh Assembly Government guidance on the use of funded credits released by the reductions in initial teacher training intake target reductions.

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Introduction

- 1 This circular sets out institutional secondary initial teacher training (ITT) intake targets for 2008/09.
- 2 It also sets out Welsh Assembly Government guidance on the use of funded credits released by the reductions in ITT intake targets.

Background

- 3 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.
- 4 We published institutional primary intake targets on 1 February 2008 (Circular W08/05HE).

Secondary intake targets 2008/09

- 5 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 institutional secondary ITT intake targets for 2008/09 are set out at Annex A. This includes intake targets for the Open University in Wales.
- 6 You will recall from Circular W07/51HE that Secondary PGCE targets are broken down into Priority Group 1 (Mathematics and Science), Priority Group 2 (Other shortage subjects), and Other subjects. The overall targets for Priority Group 2 and Other subjects were also adjusted by the Welsh Assembly Government for 2008/09 to reflect the fact that English (including Drama) is no longer a priority subject.
- 7 In determining institutional allocations for 2008/09, we have made adjustments to targets within and between subject areas, taking into account:
 - sector recruitment performance in individual subject areas in 2007/08 and in previous years;
 - individual institutional recruitment performance against intake targets in 2007/08 and in previous years;
 - the need to balance subject provision across the sector, and to maintain the viability of provision;
 - the transfer of English (including Drama) from Priority Group 2 to Other subjects;
 - evidence from Estyn of the quality of training provided by institutions.

- 8 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.

Funded credits released from ITT intake target reductions

- 9 Intake targets for the Open University in Wales are ring-fenced and are not therefore included within the overall sector reduction in intake targets and the reconfiguration of ITT which is taking place as a result. The paragraphs below on released funded credits do not therefore apply to the Open University.
- 10 We will inform institutions of the funded credits and associated funding available to them as a result of reductions in primary and secondary ITT intake targets in the recurrent grant circular for 2008/09 which will be published in May. We will then write to ask you to confirm how you intend to use these funded credits.
- 11 The Welsh Assembly Government has noted that it recognises that HEFCW is not yet in a position to report on and make recommendations to the Assembly Government on providers' detailed plans for ITT reconfiguration. We have therefore been asked to remind you that, in the meantime, numbers not now being used for ITT in 2008/09, should be re-used for other HE education-related courses which fit with the categories set out in the Assembly Government's original reconfiguration remit letter. These should also accord with proposals in the detailed reconfiguration plans which you have submitted to us, providing those meet the remit letter's criteria.
- 12 The Assembly Government has also asked us to remind you that as it is not yet in a position to approve reconfiguration plans, planning for re-use in this way should be done with sufficient flexibility to allow at least some of the alternative course numbers to be switched in subsequent years to other areas, depending on how ITT reconfiguration approvals proceed.

Further information

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ITT SECONDARY INTAKE ALLOCATIONS 2008/09

Subject Area	Level	Aberystwyth University	Bangor University	UW Institute, Cardiff	UW Newport	Swansea Metropolitan University	Trinity College, Carmarthen	Total 2008/09	Open University in Wales PG	Sec PGCE Group Totals
Priority Group 1	Mathematics	UG			21			21	12	282
		PG		21	25		46	92		
	Sciences	UG			10			10		
		PG	30	46	47		55	178		
Priority Group 2	Modern Languages	UG			10			10	12	372
		PG	17	15	43		32	107		
	Welsh	UG			15		10	25		
		PG	10	14	17		10	51		
	Design & Technology	UG		15		18		33		
		PG			25	24	22	71		
	Information Technology	UG								
		PG		15		15	24	54		
	Music	UG				10		10		
		PG		14	22			36		
Religious Education	UG									
	PG		13				28	41		
Other Subjects	English (inc. drama)	UG			21			21	1	416
		PG	31	21	20		48	120		
	Art	UG								
		PG		15	38		18	71		
	History	UG								
		PG	19		15		32	66		
	Geography	UG								
		PG	23				25	48		
	Business Studies	UG								
		PG					18	18		
Physical Education	UG									
	PG		28	59			87			
Outdoor Activities	UG									
	PG		5				5			
Total UG			15	56	49		10	130		
Total PG		130	207	311	39	330	28	1045	25	1070
GRAND TOTAL		130	222	367	88	330	38	1175		