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Initial Teacher Training Strategy Fund: Allocations 2008/09

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This circular sets out the allocations to be made to institutions in 2008/09 to support the implementation of initial teacher training strategies.

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Introduction

- 1 This circular sets out the allocations to be made to institutions in 2008/09 to support the implementation of initial teacher training (ITT) strategies.

Background

- 2 The initial period covered by institutions' ITT strategies was 2003/04 to 2005/06. We would normally have asked for full, revised, strategies for a further three-year period from 2006/07. However, in the light of the uncertainties and demands arising from ITT reconfiguration, we have for the last two years asked you to roll forward your plans from year to year, rather than prepare new three-year strategies. This will also apply for 2008/09.
- 3 You will shortly receive the ITT Annual Monitoring Statement (AMS) form for your institution, for you to report on progress in 2007/08 and to submit plans for the use of your 2008/09 allocation by 7 November 2008. The form will be sent to the contact which you have given us for the ITT AMS.
- 4 We will be considering arrangements for ITT strategies and funding from 2009/10 in due course, taking into account progress towards reconfiguration.

2008/09 Allocations

- 5 The sum available for the **ITT Strategy Fund** for 2008/09, including Teacher Training Recruitment Scheme allocations, is £1,187,560. Allocations for 2008/09 are set out in **Annex A**. These have been made on the same basis as in previous years: following the determination of the sum required for allocations under the Teacher Training Recruitment Scheme, the remaining sum is allocated pro-rata to institutional ITT funded credits. There is also an additional ITT Partnership allocation of £266,600 (see below).
- 6 **Teacher Training Recruitment Scheme Allocation (TTRS)** While other aspects of the original TTRS were subsumed within the ITT Strategy Fund, the undergraduate (UG) student placement grant element of the TTRS allocation remains separately identified as a ring-fenced allocation to ITT providers of secondary UG provision. We pay UG placement grants as part of the ITT Strategy Fund allocations, but you should keep this sum ring-fenced within your institutional financial processes, as the funding is to be forwarded directly by you to eligible UG students.
- 7 Payments are £1,000 for priority subjects and £600 for non-priority subjects. From 2008/09, English (including Drama) has ceased to be a priority subject. We have made provision in the allocations for students on

UG Secondary English/Drama courses who started before 2008/09 to continue to receive £1,000 and for new students starting in 2008/09 to receive £600.

- 8 **ITT Partnership** Since 2005/06 we have made an additional ITT Partnership allocation to ITT providers. This was in recognition of the impact that the reductions in primary ITT intake targets in particular might have on the viability of some smaller departments and institutions, including those offering Welsh Medium provision, and on supporting and maintaining ITT partnership. The Council has agreed to continue this allocation for 2008/09. The sum available for 2008/09 is £260,770. The funding is allocated pro-rata to institutional ITT funded credits. No institution will receive less than £25,000 or more than £50,000. You should use this funding to ensure the continuing viability of your ITT provision and to support ITT partnership.
- 9 We recognise that within your ITT strategies there will be continuing activities to support your existing provision. However, in the context of ITT reconfiguration, you may also be in a position to direct some of your funding to support developments which are consistent with your plans for the longer-term future, if you consider this appropriate.
- 10 ITT Strategy Fund allocations, including the additional ITT Partnership allocation, will be paid in two equal instalments in September 2008 and March 2009. We will confirm release of the March 2009 payment subject to the receipt of a satisfactory Annual Monitoring Statement in November 2008.

Further information

- 11 For further information, contact Alison Allan (tel 029 2068 2223; email alison.allan@hefcw.ac.uk) or Kate Stevenson (tel 029 2078 2285; email kate.stevenson@hefcw.ac.uk)

Annex A

Institution	ITT Strategy Fund		Additional ITT Partnership Allocation	Total
	Teacher Training Recruitment Scheme (TTRS) Secondary Undergraduate Placement Grants £	Main ITT Strategy Fund Allocation £		
Aberystwyth University		68,118	25,000	93,118
Bangor University	42,000	168,005	50,000	260,005
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	134,600	231,258	50,000	415,858
University of Wales, Newport	87,000	109,618	32,786	229,404
North East Wales Institute of Higher Education		51,232	25,000	76,232
Swansea Metropolitan University		194,051	50,000	244,051
Trinity College Carmarthen		101,678	33,814	135,492
Total	263,600	923,960	266,600	1,454,160

Notes:

The TTRS UG Placement Grant allocation for 2008/09 will be paid with the ITT Strategy Fund but must be ringfenced by institutions for distribution to UG trainees

Trinity College's grant has been adjusted to reflect TTRS payments in 2006/07 which were not used. This amount has been redistributed pro-rata.