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Learning and teaching strategy allocations for 2009/10

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This circular provides information on the learning and teaching strategy allocations to higher education institutions for 2009/10 and confirms the date for return of Annual Monitoring Statements for 2008/09.

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Introduction

1. This circular sets out the allocations to be made to institutions in 2009/10 to support Learning and Teaching (L & T) Strategies. It also confirms the date for return of Annual Monitoring Statements for 2008/09.

Background

2. In Circular W07/16HE: Learning and Teaching Strategies 2007/08 - 2009/10 we invited Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Wales to submit an updated learning and teaching strategy for the three years 2007/08 to 2009/10.
3. Institutions are asked to report annually on progress against strategies. We have provided information on institutional annual monitoring statements for 2008/09 in Circular W09/13HE, Annual Monitoring Statements 2009.

Learning and Teaching Strategy allocations 2008/09

4. **Annex A** sets out institutional allocations for 2009/10. The total sum available for Learning and Teaching strategies for 2008/09 is £1,019,626. This is allocated to institutions pro rata to total funded credits in 2009/10, including, as in 2008/09, floor provision of £33k and a ceiling of £150k.
5. As stated in our remit letter¹, please note that the figures indicated above and in **Annex A** are provisional, and are subject to change in-year. We will of course inform you of any changes as soon as possible.

2008/09 Annual Monitoring Statement

6. HEFCW officers will distribute electronic templates containing individually agreed targets by 3 July 2009, as stated in Circular W09/13HE, Annual Monitoring Statements 2009.
7. The AMS form asks you to:
 - Report progress against targets for 2008/09;
 - Complete a declaration of expenditure to confirm that the 2008/09 allocation has been fully spent and used for the purposes for which it was provided. This should be signed by the head of the institution.
 - Provide revised targets and expenditure plans for 2009/10 which will form the basis of next year's AMS.
8. Circular W07/50HE: Funding To Support Circular W07/42HE, 'Enhancing Learning and Teaching Through Technology: A Strategy For Higher Education In Wales' announced the provision of an additional £1 million in funding to support and encourage institutions in taking up the opportunities

¹ www.hefcw.ac.uk/Miscellaneous_Docs/HEFCW_-Remit_letter_2009-10.pdf

provided by technology and to meet the objectives of our strategy for enhancing learning and teaching through technology, as described in Circular W07/42HE.

9. Circular W07/50HE also requested institutions to include targets relating to the enhancement of learning and teaching through technology within their AMS targets for Learning and Teaching for 2009/10. Therefore please ensure that appropriate targets for this area are identified for 2009/10 within your AMS returns for 2008/09.
10. Please return the signed AMS for 2008/09 to HEFCW by 6 November 2009, as set out in circular W09/13 HE.
11. We expect to pay the first tranche of funding for 2009/10 in September 2009. We anticipate paying the second tranche in March 2010, subject to receipt of satisfactory AMS returns.

2010/11 Annual monitoring statement

12. We requested learning and teaching strategies which ran to at least 2009/10². This was therefore intended to be the last year for payment to assist in the implementation of these strategies. However, we plan to review our technology-enhanced learning strategy in 2010/11³.
13. Following feedback from the sector we think it is more appropriate to invite institutions to extend their current learning and teaching strategies for a further year, ie to 2010/11, as we indicated in Circular W08/12HE⁴. This will enable you to take on board outcomes from the review of the technology-enhanced learning strategy in developing your new learning and teaching strategies.

Further information / responses to

14. For further information, contact Dr Cliona O'Neill (tel 029 2068 2283; email cliona.oneill@hefcw.ac.uk).
15. Annual Monitoring Statements to be returned by 6 November 2009 as indicated in Circular W09/13 HE.

² Circular W07/16HE www.hefcw.ac.uk/LearningTeaching_Docs/W0716HE_circ.pdf

³ Circular W08/12HE www.hefcw.ac.uk/Publications/5620_5137.htm

⁴ www.hefcw.ac.uk/LearningTeaching_Docs/W0812HE_circ.pdf

Annex A

Institution	First tranche September 2009	Second tranche March 2010	Total allocation
University of Glamorgan	75,000	75,000	150,000
Aberystwyth University	58,277	58,277	116,554
Bangor University	49,797	49,798	99,595
Cardiff University	75,000	75,000	150,000
University of Wales, Lampeter	16,500	16,500	33,000
Swansea University	64,690	64,691	129,381
University of Wales Institute, Cardiff	58,259	58,260	116,519
University of Wales, Newport	38,817	38,818	77,635
Glyndŵr University	30,123	30,124	60,247
Swansea Metropolitan University	26,848	26,848	53,696
Trinity University College	16,500	16,500	33,000