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Primary Initial Teacher Training: Intake targets 2011/12

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This circular sets out primary initial teacher training intake targets for the Centres of Teacher Education for 2011/12.

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Introduction

- 1 This circular sets out primary initial teacher training (ITT) intake targets for the Centres of Teacher Education for 2011/12.

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 2011/12 earlier in January (Circular W11/02HE). The circular included the letter from the Welsh Assembly Government setting out the basis for the targets.
- 3 For secondary intake targets, we have put proposals for the distribution of these targets amongst providers to the Assembly Government, as requested, for approval. We will publish the secondary targets once we have received this approval.

Primary intake targets 2011/12

- 4 Primary ITT intake targets for the three Centres of Teacher Education for 2011/12 are set out at Annex A.
- 5 The total sector intake target for primary ITT has been reduced by 5 places compared with 2010/11. However, within these numbers, there is a change in the balance between primary undergraduate (UG) and PGCE places, with UG places reduced by 30 and PGCE places increased by 25.
- 6 No provider receiving primary intake targets in 2011/12 over-recruited beyond the limits set by HEFCW in 2010/11.
- 7 Allocations for Primary UG and PGCE intake targets have therefore been calculated on a pro-rata basis to last year's target figures (not actual enrolments).
- 8 We will keep under review the distribution of primary ITT targets across the three Centres, particularly in the context of the development of a regional dimension to the planning and delivery of higher education identified in *For our Future*. We will also monitor the numbers of students receiving training to teach through the medium of Welsh as well as English, and the diversity of entrants to ITT and the teaching profession.

Penalty arrangements

9 The Assembly Government's letter setting out sector targets for 2011/12 noted that it would like HEFCW to maintain its efforts to ensure that over-recruitment against intake targets does not occur. We would remind you therefore of the penalty arrangements which now apply to over-recruitment against **primary** intake targets, namely:

- If a Centre over-recruits by more than 5% or five students (whichever is the greater) against its primary intake target in one year at either undergraduate or postgraduate level, a 5% reduction will be applied to its intake target for that level for the following year. These intakes will not be returned to the Centre after the penalty year. Thus if a Centre over-recruits against its target in 2011/12, the penalty will be applied to its target for 2012/13.
- There is also a penalty for more significant over-recruitment. Thus, if a Centre over-recruits by more than 10 per cent in one year at either undergraduate or postgraduate level, its target for that level for the following year will be cut by 10%. Therefore if a Centre breaches this threshold in 2011/12, the penalty will be applied to its intake target for 2012/13.

In determining whether this penalty will be applied, there will be no rounding. Immediately the over-recruitment is over 10% by any fraction, the penalty will be applied. For example: An institution has an intake target of 58. The calculation of 10% over-recruitment is 5.8 full-time equivalent students. The institution over-recruits against its target by six students (10.3%). Arguments that the institution could not have recruited 0.8 of a student for an ITT course or that the 10.3% should be rounded to 10% would not be accepted. The 10% over-recruitment threshold has been breached and therefore the penalty will be applied.

This penalty will be reduced to 5% in the year after, provided that the institution has not again over-recruited above the specified limits.

Funded credits released from ITT intake target reductions

- 10 We confirmed in Circular W09/38HE that 2010/11 would be the last year in which any new released numbers would be available from reductions in ITT intake targets. There may be a small amount of continued feed through, however, resulting from earlier portfolio changes.
- 11 The ring-fenced funded credits and associated funding from the released numbers will be given in the recurrent grant circular for 2011/12 expected to be published in March.

- 12 Existing ring-fenced released numbers should continue to be used for other HE education-related courses which fit with the proposals in your ITT reconfiguration plans which we have agreed with you. If an institution wishes to change or modify its portfolio of provision using released numbers, please contact Alison Allan to discuss, so that we can assure the Assembly Government that the provision continues to meet its priorities.

Further information

- 13 For further information, contact Alison Allan (tel 029 2068 2223; email alison.allan@hefcw.ac.uk).

Annex A

Primary ITT intake target allocations 2011/12

	North and Mid Wales Centre of Teacher Education	South East Wales Centre of Teacher Education	South West Wales Centre of Teacher Education	
	Aberystwyth University and Bangor University	UW Institute, Cardiff and UW Newport	Swansea Metropolitan University and UW Trinity St David	Total 2010/11
Undergraduate	83	104	113	300
Postgraduate	174	123	153	450
Total	257	227	266	750