

Initial Teacher Education: Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is responsible for Accreditation of Initial Teacher Training?

Under the Education Workforce Council (Accreditation of Initial Teacher Training) Additional Functions) Order 2017, EWC has a statutory responsibility to:

- accredit programmes of Initial Teacher Education (ITE)
- monitor compliance of accredited programmes against Welsh Government criteria
- withdraw accreditation of programmes

HEFCW's previous responsibilities for institutional ITT accreditation under the Education Act 2005 will continue for existing provision (up to and including provision commencing in 2018) but will cease from academic year 2019/20.

Q. What happens if I am due to start an ITT course this year?

HEFCW accreditation applies up to and including students commencing courses in 2018/19. The quality of those courses will continue to be monitored by Estyn inspectors and you will be able to complete your course in the normal way and gain qualified teacher status.

Q. What happens if I am due to start an ITT course in 2019/20

The arrangements for accreditation have changed and you will need to ensure that the programme you are applying to has been accredited under Education Workforce Council processes. Further information is available on their [website](#).

Q. How can I find out information about the quality of my ITT course?

Estyn has recently inspected all ITT provision in Wales under previous accreditation arrangements. Reports on those inspections can be found on the Estyn website [here](#).

Q. What happens if I am due to start an ITE course in 2018/19, but my institution won't be offering it from 2019/20?

You will still be able to complete your course and gain qualified teacher status, even if your institution has not been accredited from 2019/20. Estyn and HEFCW will work together to make sure that the course is of high quality and that there is an appropriate student experience.