

Fee policy for the accreditation of programmes of ITE

Introduction

An order was laid before the National Assembly on the 15 February 2017 adding four additional powers to EWC's existing statutory duties under the Education (Wales) Act 2014, namely:

- accrediting courses or programmes of initial school teacher education;
- monitoring compliance of accredited courses or programmes of initial teacher education with the accreditation criteria;
- withdrawing accreditation of courses or programmes of initial school teacher education;
- charging fees in connection with providing the service.

In carrying out these functions, EWC seeks to ensure that programmes of ITE are professionally appropriate, demanding and lead to student teachers meeting the Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) standards in Wales.

Regulations came into force on the 10 March 2017 setting out further detail of EWC's new role. The *Education Workforce Council (Accreditation of Initial Teacher Training) (Additional Functions) Order 2017* allows EWC to charge a fee to partnerships to assess its programme; the fees charged by EWC may not exceed the cost of providing the service.

Consultation process

EWC consulted on the proposed fees from 14 May to 6 July 2018. Full details of the consultation process and responses received can be found in the consultation report.

EWC has continued with its proposal to implement fee model 1, having considered all responses received. This is the model preferred by the majority of respondents to the consultation and the model deemed to be fairest by EWC.

EWC notes there may be occasions where partnerships submit multiple programmes, for which accreditation events may be combined. In these circumstances, accreditation fees may be adjusted accordingly.

The fee for the accreditation of new and existing programmes of ITE will therefore be requested by EWC once an accreditation event has been scheduled.

Schedule of fees

The below fees have been calculated based on a partial cost recovery model to ensure that accreditation fees do not exceed the cost of providing the service.

Direct costs associated with an accreditation event have been taken into account and include: day rates for committee chair and members (reading time, accreditation event and report writing); day rates for EWC officers (accreditation event only); travel and subsistence for committee chair, members and EWC officers (where applicable); refreshments during the course of the accreditation event.

Where additional costs are identified these will be discussed with partnerships in advance and fees may be adjusted accordingly.

Schedule of fees

Application for accreditation (new programme of ITE) £7,400

Payment will be requested by EWC following receipt of an application and once an accreditation event has been scheduled.

Application for re-accreditation (existing programme of ITE) £7,400

Payment will be requested by EWC following receipt of an application and once an accreditation event has been scheduled.

Review of proposed major changes to an accredited programme of ITE £1,700

Payment will be requested by EWC following confirmation that an interim review is required.

Monitoring visit by member(s) of the Board to review compliance/progress against conditions Half-day £875

Payment will be requested by the EWC once a date for a monitoring visit has been scheduled. Full day £1,400