

Summary of proposals considered and corresponding outcome/decision

Proposal	Decision
Update access and retention premium to use 2011 census data	Implemented in 2022/23
Update access and retention premium to use WIMD 2019 data, replacing Communities First data	Implemented in 2022/23
Expand eligibility of part-time fee waiver to include under-represented groups in HE, allow previous HE study at same level, confirm the inclusion of micro-credentials	Implemented in 2022/23
Allocate part-time fee waiver funds in advance, removing the need for institutions to estimate requirements, any adjustments carried out by HEFCW on the basis of HESA data	Implemented in 2022/23
Update retention weightings for access and retention premium to favour retention	Considered at length. Decided not to proceed due to potential unintended consequences (see main circular).
Update threshold in access and retention premium for institutions to be considered a widening access provider, to 35% of PT UG Welsh domiciled students being from WIMD19 quintiles 1 and 2 geographical areas	Implemented in 2022/23
Expand access and retention premium to include full-time undergraduate students	Considered at length. Decided not to proceed due to budgetary constraints.
Use same geographical mappings for access and retention premium in 2023/24 as in 2022/23	Confirmed in stage two outcomes circular
Retain the relative differences between the three rates of funding for the geographical groups in the A&R premium	Agreed and confirmed in stage two outcomes circular
Continue to allocate per capita funding	Agreed and confirmed in stage two outcomes circular

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Allocate per capita at different rates for different modes and levels of study	Confirmed we would continue to offer a single fixed rate in respect of all eligible students
Increase disability premium value from £300 per student	Confirmed our position in principle in stage two outcomes circular subject to future budget. Proposal under consideration to increase overall budget for disability premium. More information to follow in funding assumptions communication.
Welsh medium premium	Review of additional costs of study commissioned and completed. Report and outcomes expected for publication April 2023.
Design and implement new credit-based teaching funding method	Model designed and consultations conducted. Decision not to implement at this stage but provide to CTER to consider – see main circular for further information.
Design and implement new cost groups to replace academic subject categories	New cost groups designed, amended in relation to institutional feedback and confirmed. Decision not to implement at this stage but provide to CTER to consider.
Use sandwich year out and language years abroad recruited credits in the credit based model at the same proportion as the proportion of the maximum full-time undergraduate tuition fee that is charged according to the regulations	Agreed and confirmed as part of the finalised model but decision not to implement the model at this stage.
Use 12 month period of recruitment data in new model once in year data is available from the HESA student record	Agreed and confirmed as part of the final model but decision not to implement the model at this stage
Incorporate ESP and HCSP in new credit-based teaching funding method	Agreed and confirmed as part of the final model but decision not to implement the model at this stage.
Use EYM data instead of HESES in future funding allocation processes	Agreed and confirmed in stage two outcomes circular and HESES circular. Will be implemented for 2023/24.