

Proposal for the registration of further education teachers with the Education Workforce Council

Consultation response form

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Question 1 – Do you agree that the description of a service provider working at a further education institute as set out at paragraph 7.3 provides a sound basis for an exemption to register with the Education Workforce Council?

Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Neither agree nor disagree	x
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Supporting comments

While we are prepared to accept that some of the more obvious exemptions are covered by these clauses we believe that they are not exhaustive. Moreover, if one of the intentions of registration is to provide a safe environment for children, young people and vulnerable adults then it is not clear why HE teachers in FE are exempted

Question 2 – Are there any other service providers not captured under the description at paragraph 7.3 who should also be exempted from registering with the Education Workforce Council?

Please see our comments above about HE providers. We are not clear why there should be certain providers who are so exempted. If the government feels the need to do so then it needs to explain more clearly why this is the case.

Question 3 – We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

We are very concerned that the requirement and process of registration could have a serious impact upon the responsiveness of FEIs to provide services at short notice to employers. One of the strengths of current FEIs is to respond to immediate requests from employers for training in a particular area. This can involve the employment of teaching and training staff at very short notice. We would not want this responsiveness to be hindered by the need for such staff to complete the process of registration. We would suggest that, as currently with 'unregistered' teachers, there is a period of grace during which such staff can be employed *while* their registration is being processed.

We would also alert the EWC and the Welsh Government to the need to inform staff moving from FEIs in England and elsewhere of this change and the necessity of registration.

We would like clarification that as to whether or not association lecturers and unqualified lecturers will need to be registered.

Finally, we would urge the Welsh Government to monitor any detrimental effect that the requirement to register could have on retention and recruitment of FEI staff especially in border areas.

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