



To All Practitioners

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Dear Colleague

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION, REGISTRATION FEES AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PASSPORT

Professional Registration

The Education Workforce Council (EWC) was established in 2015 and is responsible for regulating the wider education workforce in Wales and promoting high standards of teaching and maintaining professional conduct of practitioners.

All school teachers, further education teachers and learning support workers in both school and FE settings working in Wales are required to register with the EWC. From April 2017, youth workers, youth support workers and work based learning practitioners will be required to register with the EWC.

The Welsh Government believes that there are clear benefits of registering the education workforce. It enhances the status and recognises that all practitioners play a vital and valued role in supporting teaching and learning. It also raises and maintains standards, as part of a single and coherent education workforce.

Registration Fee

In both the 2014 and 2016 'Registration fees for the education workforce in Wales' consultations, the Welsh Government made clear that their preferred fee model would require an amendment to the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD); and the redistribution of the £33 allowance teachers working in maintain schools in Wales received.

In August 2016, the School Teachers' Review Body (STRB) approved this amendment to the STPCD which subsequently removed the relevant section responsible for the school teacher's £33 allowance. Following this approval, the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government and the Cabinet Secretary for Education sanctioned the transfer of £1million, with effect from 2017-18, from the Revenue Support Grant to support the registration subsidy for all practitioners. All practitioners will now see the benefit of the £1million

subsidy, particularly those practitioners registering in the lower paid categories.

The Welsh Government considered setting the registration fees in accordance with practitioner's earnings/salaries, and to take account whether practitioners are working full or part time. However, on further analysis, this kind of model proves to be extremely complex and would be an administrative burden to both the EWC and employers to manage; thus resulting in an increase in registration fees for all practitioners to cover the additional administrative costs.

The fee levels for practitioners for 1 April 2017, is set out in annex A.

The Professional Learning Passport (PLP)

The PLP is an e-portfolio hosted on the EWC website. It is a free online resource available to all registered practitioners.

The PLP offers a national platform where registered practitioners can record their career long professional learning. As a key part of the professional development of the registered education workforce, the PLP will support registered practitioners with their professional learning through their careers, in recording and reflecting upon the development of their practice at different career stages.

The Passport is owned by the practitioner and it will be for individuals to determine whether they share their PLP with their line managers, mentors, colleagues or a wider audience.

For more information about the PLP please visit www.ewc.wales.

If you have any queries about the information in this letter please contact ewc.enquiries@wales.gsi.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,



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Annex A

Fee Arrangements for Registration with the Education Workforce Council

From 1 April 2017, the Education Workforce Council's (EWC's) registration fee will be subsidised* by the Welsh Government. Without the subsidies, the fees for each group would be £46.

<i>Registration Category</i>	<i>The FEE that you will pay</i>
<i>School Teacher</i>	£45
<i>Further Education Teacher</i>	£45
<i>School Learning Support Worker</i>	£15
<i>Further Education Learning Support Worker</i>	£15
<i>Work Based Learning Practitioners</i>	£45
<i>Youth Workers</i>	£45
<i>Youth Support Workers</i>	£15

* The subsidy is only available where there is a requirement to register with the EWC.

N.B. All registration fee contributions are subject to tax relief.