

**Education Workforce Council -  
Initial Teacher Education (ITE) Accreditation Committee**



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Appointment of Chair

<b>Time commitment</b>	June to December 2017 - up to 10 days January to July 2018 – up to 50 days August 2019 onwards – up to 15 days per year
<b>Tenure of office</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2017 to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022
<b>Remuneration</b>	Chair £350 per day Travel and subsistence costs will be paid in line with standard EWC rates
<b>Location</b>	Meetings will be held in Cardiff. Site visits to partnerships will be at universities across Wales

**Brief background of the body**

The Education Workforce Council (EWC) was established by the Education (Wales) Act 2014. Under the Act, the principal aims of the EWC are to:

- contribute to improving the standards of teaching and the quality of learning in Wales;
- maintain and improve standards of professional conduct amongst teachers and others who support teaching and learning in Wales;
- safeguard the interests of learners, parents and the public, and maintain public trust and confidence in the education workforce.

The EWC is independent of government.

The EWC's powers were extended in February 2017 to allow it to:

- accredit courses or programmes of initial school teacher education (ITE);
- monitor the compliance of accredited courses or programmes of ITE with Welsh Government's published criteria;
- withdraw the accreditation of courses or programmes of ITE;
- charge fees in connection with providing the service.

In discharging these additional statutory duties, the EWC is required to establish the Accreditation of Initial School Teacher Training Committee ("the Board"). This was a specific recommendation from Professor John Furlong's report to the Welsh Government: *Teaching Tomorrow's Teachers Options for the future of ITE in Wales* in March 2015, which set out a number of recommendations in order to raise the quality of ITE in Wales. Currently providers rather than programmes are accredited in Wales.

## **Role and responsibilities**

- To take a strategic lead for the Board, working in collaboration with the Board and EWC's Chief Executive and Chairperson
- To assist EWC officers in appointing and training Board members
- To lead the assessment of ITE programme submissions and appeals, including documentation reviews, site visits, Committee meetings and report writing
- To liaise with key stakeholders, including ITE partnerships, EWC officers, Welsh Government officials and Estyn
- To assist in the monitoring of the compliance of programmes with published criteria
- To provide an input into decisions to allocate "funded trainee numbers" to programmes, in collaboration with the Welsh Government and EWC officers.

## **Welsh Language skills**

Welsh language skills are desirable but not necessary to undertake the duties of this post.

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For further details go to <http://wales.gov.uk/publicappointments> or for queries contact Workforce Strategy Unit at [ITEducationAddysgGA@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ITEducationAddysgGA@wales.gsi.gov.uk)

The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 March 2017. Application forms received after this date will not be considered.

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