



Y Comisiwn Addysg Drydyddol ac Ymchwil
Commission for Tertiary Education and Research

Condition: Fee Limits

A provider registered with Medr in the Higher Education Core category **must**:

- have a fee limit statement approved by Medr
- ensure that regulated course fees do not exceed the applicable fee limit

Condition Category

This is an ongoing condition of registration. This condition applies specifically to providers registered with Medr in the core category only.

The provider must adhere to the fee limits set by Welsh Government for all qualifying courses throughout its period of registration. This Fee Limit Condition does not apply to the Higher Education Alternative Category. Providers registering in the Higher Education Alternative category will have their relevant full-time undergraduate level higher education courses automatically designated for tuition fee support at the lower rate.

Legal Basis

Under Section 32 of the **Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022** (the Act), providers are required to submit and adhere to a Fee Limit Statement that details the maximum fees chargeable for all qualifying courses. The fees charged must not exceed the approved fee limits.¹

¹ Further additional course costs (e.g. materials, field trips) are **not required** as part of the fee limit statement. However, they should be made available to potential students in accessible formats, such as course webpages or offer letters. These costs do not form part of “fees” as defined under Section 84 of the TER Act, and therefore do not form part of the “fee limit”

Compliance Requirements

In accordance with Sections 46, 47 and 48 of the Act, the provider **must** submit a fee limit statement, which **must**:

1. set out the maximum fees chargeable for each qualifying course, which must either:
 - (a) specify a fee limit, or
 - (b) provide for the determination of a fee limit,

Which **must** list all qualifying courses (these can be grouped into qualification type and campus) to which the fee limit statement applies, including those delivered on its behalf. A fee limit statement may specify, or provide for the determination of, different fee limits in relation to different courses and in respect of different relevant academic years

2. specify the date on which it begins to have effect and any variation of a fee limit statement must specify the date on which the variation begins to have effect
3. have been developed in consultation with the students' union or other representative bodies, and therefore reflects the input of students on the proposed fee structures and their potential impact on access and inclusion. Consultation with student bodies should be proportionate to the provider's governance structure and may include surveys, focus groups, or "formal representation"
4. where a fee limit statement specifies a fee limit in relation to a year and course, the fee limit specified **must** not exceed whatever amount is specified in regulations made by the Welsh Ministers for the purposes of this section ("the maximum amount")
5. where a fee limit statement provides for the determination of a fee limit in relation to a year and course, the statement **must** specify that the fee limit determined in accordance with the statement is not to exceed the maximum amount

If approved by Medr:

6. the governing body of the provider to which the statement relates **must** publish the statement (and any approved variation or replacement of the statement)
7. the governing body **must** have regard to the need to make the statement easily accessible to students and prospective students

The governing body of a provider with an approved fee limit statement **may** apply to Medr for approval of a variation or replacement of the statement, at any point during the academic year.

Monitoring

Medr will monitor compliance with this condition in the following ways (for definitions of these, please see Medr's approach to monitoring):

- **on application:** an approved fee limit statement will be required from registration but will **apply operationally from academic year 2027/28**, unless otherwise specified in regulations
- **fee limit statement:** the statement **must** be submitted to Medr for approval before the start of each academic year and published in a manner that is easily accessible to both prospective and current students. Medr will provide templates for fee limit statements to support consistency and reduce administrative burden
- **Annual Assurance Return:** as part of Medr's Annual Assurance Return, providers **will** be expected to self-declare that they have met the compliance requirements of the condition – notably that they ensure regulated course fees have not exceeded the applicable fee limit
- **provider website monitoring:** Medr may monitor the websites of providers – to ensure standards of publication are met
- **regulatory concerns submissions and complaints monitoring:** in instances where concerns raised with Medr, or analysis of complaints data, relate to incorrect information about fees
- **Reportable Events:** in instances where those events relate to fee limits.
- **data monitoring:** where inconsistencies are identified between fee limit statements and actual fee levels

Providers with a prior record of non-compliance may be subject to increased scrutiny. Failure to comply with monitoring requirements will prompt further investigation and possible interventions.

Review and Amendment

Medr will regularly review this condition to ensure that it aligns with evolving sector needs, policy changes, and feedback from stakeholders.

Fee Limit Statement Template

| Fee Limit Statement | |
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| Name of provider | Fee limit statements should be stand-alone documents and the name of the provider should be clearly set out. |
| Duration of fee limit statement & date of effect | A fee limit statement must specify the date on which it begins to have effect and any variation of a fee limit statement must specify the date on which the variation begins to have effect. The first year these fee limit statements will be operational will be the academic year commencing 1 August 2027. Providers are required to have an approved fee limit statement to enable registration. |
| Section 1 - Fee levels | |
| Section 1.1 – Fee levels or the determination of a fee level at each location | |
| Fee level | Location of course |
| Determine or specify each fee level that will be charged by the provider. | <p>Set out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the academic year(s) that the fee relates to each location that the fee listed in the left hand column will be charged at, and the qualifications that will be delivered at those locations for that fee <p>Locations may include the provider’s campuses and locations of other charities delivering on the provider’s behalf.</p> |
| | Set out: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the academic year(s) that the fee relates to • each location that the fee listed in the left hand column will be charged at, and • the qualifications that will be delivered at those locations for that fee <p>Locations may include the provider’s campuses and locations of other charities delivering on the provider’s behalf.</p> |
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| <p>Section 1.2 - Aggregate fee levels</p> | |
| <p>The provider must include a statement to potential and current students that sets out either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the aggregate fees for completing the course and the basis for any potential fee increases for the duration of their course, or • confirmation that there will be no fee increases for the duration of their course <p>This statement must reflect all different fee levels due to be charged and set out where this information will be provided.</p> | |

Authorisation of the fee limit statement (required for publication)

In authorising the fee limit statement applications, the governing body (or equivalent):

- i. has seen and considered appropriate evidence to support the declarations being made in this application;
- ii. confirms that there has been appropriate consultation with the student union or other representative bodies, both those studying at the provider and at other providers where education is delivered on its behalf, and therefore reflects the input of students on the proposed fee structures and their potential impact on access and inclusion
- iii. confirms that additional course costs (e.g. materials, field trips) are provided in accessible formats, such as course webpages or offer letters.
- iv. confirms that the information provided in this fee limit statement is accurate and current, at the time of writing, and is based on verifiable data;
- v. confirms that all qualifying courses to which statutory fee limits apply (either by the provider or on its behalf) and regardless of the level or location of the provision, has been taken into account in this statement;
- vi. understands that any financial commitments to students made in the fee limit statement, as approved by Medr, **must** be honoured;
- vii. confirms that it will maintain student support levels;
- viii. confirms that the provider will ensure that a copy of the fee limit statement can be made accessible to its students and prospective students in any reasonable format;
- ix. gives due consideration to any guidance published by Medr as it discharges its duties in relation to the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022

| Fee limit statement submission to Medr ² | |
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| Date of governing body (or equivalent) approval: | |
| Governing body (or equivalent) authorised signature: | |
| Date: | |
| Final fee limit statement submission once Medr has confirmed it has no further issues (where applicable) | |
| Date of governing body (or equivalent) approval: | |
| Governing body authorised (or equivalent) signature: | |
| Date: | |

² Fee limit statements published on the provider's websites **must** only include versions approved by Medr.