

**SUGGESTED RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON HE TUITION FEE LEVELS****General tuition fees**

**Do you agree with the principles on which the general fee level should be based?**

- Yes, agree broadly with these principles, which would appear to protect the interests of Scottish domiciled students, higher education institutions and the wider community.

**If you do not agree, please suggest alternatives.**

- N/A

**At what level should general tuition fees be set for 2006-07?**

- The suggested level of c£1,700 and c£1,900 would maintain parity with English HEIs in respect of the total cost over the length of degree programmes.

**Self funded Scottish domiciled students**

**Should any self funded Scottish or non-UK EU domiciled students be protected from the increased level of tuition fee?**

- Agree with the IAG's view in paragraph 37.

**If you agree, which categories of Scottish and non-UK EU domiciled students should be protected from the increased level of tuition fee?**

- Students with an HNC or HND qualification, which does not provide entry to year two or three, respectively, of a degree programme, should be protected from the increase for any years not recognised.
- Students studying for a second degree or who have to repeat a year should be liable for the increase.

**Medical tuition fees**

**Do you agree with the principle of using tuition fee levels to protect the interests of Scottish domiciled students by setting fee levels for medicine that are broadly comparable with those being set elsewhere in the UK?**

- Yes, agree that this may go some way to protecting the interests of Scottish domiciled students but this will not address the wider and longer-term issue of the number of doctors working in Scotland.

**If you agree, at what level should tuition fees for medical courses be set?**

- As a further education college with no students progressing to medical schools, do not feel it is appropriate to suggest tuition fee levels for medicine.

**If you do not agree, what alternative measures could be taken to protect the interests of Scottish domiciled students?**

- N/A

**Implications for FE**

**Do you agree that the Executive should retain current tuition fee levels for HNs?**

- No

**If you do not agree, please suggest an alternative.**

- Suggest that tuition fee levels for HNs are increased. The fees set for programmes offered at HN level should have parity with those programmes offered at year 1 and 2 in an HEI setting

**Transitional arrangements**

**Do you agree that gap year students should be treated as having entered HE in 2005-06, ie prior to the planned changes taking effect?**

- Yes. Suggest that this cohort should have parity with students accepted by English HEIs.

**If you do not agree, please suggest an alternative.**

- N/A

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