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May 2009 - For the attention of Student Finance Advisors

Support for In-Service teachers, trainers and tutors in the Learning & Skills Sector

This letter is intended to assist teachers, trainers and tutors in the Lifelong Learning Sector (FE colleges, Adult and Community Learning, Uniformed Services Training, Workplace Learning, Prison Education etc) in their application for financial support for the 2009/10 academic year.

Our colleagues at UCET (Universities Council for the Education of Teachers) have been involved in a number of discussions with DIUS, and member institutions (the UK's higher-education based teacher education providers) have contributed information and further case studies that has helped to clarify the position regarding financial support as it relates to in-service trainees.

The critical feature is that trainees studying on part time, in-service Post-16 Certificate in Education/PGCE courses are studying for a period which is always comfortably in excess of 6 weeks per annum and, in many cases, above 10 weeks equivalence of full time study.

The Bath Spa University course falls into the 6-10 week category, and we would be happy to supply further details confirming that if necessary. We would therefore expect all our new students from 2009/10 to be eligible for a minimum of the £553.00 non-means tested maintenance grant, and a non-means tested loan for course fees of £675.00, as our fee has been set at £675.00.

All continuing students in 2009/10 should be eligible for a minimum of £646.00 non-means tested maintenance grant, and a non-means tested loan for course fees of £675.00, as our fee has been set at £675.00

We would therefore greatly appreciate it if you could treat applications from our trainees as meeting these requirements for 2009/10.

Should you need to discuss this matter further, please make contact initially with:

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I hope that you find this information helpful.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J A Crawley".

Head of Lifelong Learning