

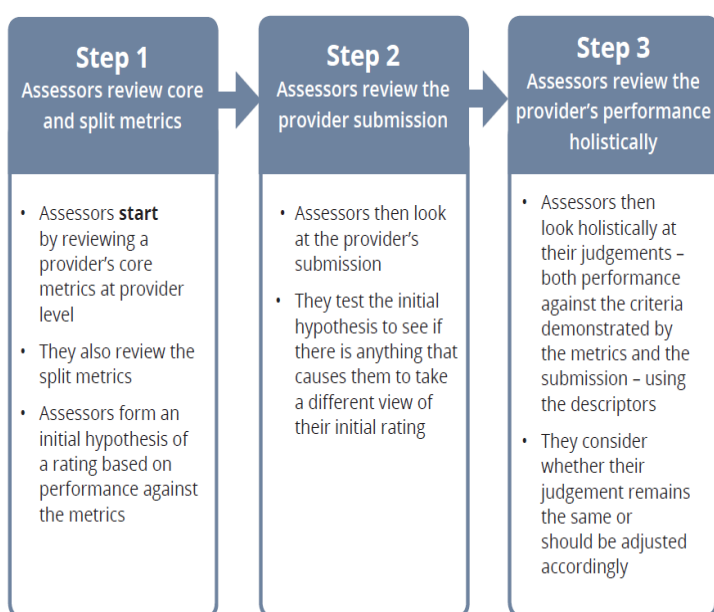


Teaching Excellence Framework: Year Two (16-17)

Background

The TEF is a new governmental assessment of the quality of undergraduate teaching in UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Assessment by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) assures baseline quality, while the TEF assesses excellence and is designed 'to incentivise excellent teaching and provide better information for students to support them in making informed choices'.

How it works



Aspect of Quality Areas of teaching and learning quality	Teaching Quality (TQ)	Learning Environment (LE)	Student Outcomes and Learning Gain (SO)
Criteria Statements against which assessors will make judgements	Teaching Quality criteria	Learning Environment criteria	Student Outcomes and Learning Gain criteria
Evidence	Core metrics		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching on my course (NSS scale 1) Assessment and feedback (NSS scale 2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic support (NSS scale 3) Non-continuation (HESA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employment/ further study (DLHE) Highly-skilled employment/ further study (DLHE)
	Split metrics		
	Additional evidence (provider submission)		
Statement of findings Why a particular rating was awarded	Brief description of why a particular rating was awarded including particular strengths		
Overall outcome TEF rating	The level awarded		

In each metric category, there's a benchmark the HEI is expected to hit. An HEI is told its actual score (indicator) and its benchmark. Split metrics, including age, social background, ethnicity, disability, gender and domicile will also be used, so TEF Assessors can see how the HEI is performing for specific groups within the student body. The end result is a rating of Gold, Silver or Bronze that lasts for three years.

Implications

Any provider that takes part in 2016-17 will be permitted to charge the maximum inflationary fee uplift for 2017-18 entry. Providers with Gold or Silver ratings will be permitted the maximum uplift in 2018 and 2019 as well. Institutions without a TEF rating will only be able to charge the baseline £9,000 fee. TEF metrics and provider submissions will be published on HEFCE's website and linked to UCAS and Unistats, and there's some possibility TEF ratings will be linked to a provider's ability to accept international students.

Future

In future, assessment is expected to move to the subject level (rather than the institutional level) in year four (2018-19). Taught postgraduate provision will be included from year four at the earliest, while new metrics may be developed for Learning Gain and highly-skilled employment.