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Summary: Announcement of intake targets for the controlled subject of Dentistry in universities for Academic Years 2021-22 and 2022-23.

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## **Intake targets for Dentistry in universities for AY 2021-22 and AY 2022-23**

### **Purpose**

1. I am writing to announce the intake targets for universities in the controlled subject of Dentistry for Academic Years (AY) 2021-22 and 2022-23.

### **Background**

2. SFC receives annual guidance from the Chief Dental Officer (CDO) and Dentistry Division, providing recommended intakes for dental schools in Scotland. This letter of guidance for AY 2021-22 and AY 2022-23 is provided in Annex A.
3. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the CDO has made the decision to set a reduced intake target across AY 2021-22 and AY 2022-23.

### **COVID-19 impacts**

4. COVID-19 restrictions and the necessary precautions implemented to control the virus has severely impacted the ability of Scotland's dental schools to provide the necessary specialised training to current dental students in a safe and effective manner. The reduction in access to clinical facilities has impacted the ability of current students to gain the necessary skills and competencies for successful course completion and registration.
5. As a direct result of these restrictions, current students will need to extend the length of their course in order to gain access to clinical facilities that were restricted to them over the past year.
6. This extension for current students directly impacts new applicants for AY 2021-22 and AY 2022-23, as dental training facilities across Scotland do not have the physical capacity to accommodate an extra year of students.

### **Intake target**

7. As a result of current students needing to extend the length of their course, a decision has been made to set an intake target for AY 2022-23 of 136 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students. This should be filled by recruiting 50% of the intake target in AY 2021-22 and 50% of the intake target in AY 2022-23.
8. This intake target for both AYs 2021-22 and 2022-23 is for 136 students who are eligible to pay 'Home Fees', rest of UK (rUK) students and students from the Republic of Ireland (RoI). This is set out in Table 1 below.
9. We do not set a separate intake target for rUK students (rUK students are included in the overall intake targets set out above). However, in order to calculate our funded places for students who are eligible to pay 'Home Fees',

we derive a proportion of the intake which we assume will relate to rUK students.

10. The Universities of Dundee and Glasgow will continue to be allowed to recruit international students. International intakes for AYs 2021-22 and 2022-23 have been set to reflect the loss of income from previous reductions in students with 'Home fees' status, rUK, and Rol.
11. SFC may recover funds from universities who under-recruit eligible students against funded places by more than 3%, and may apply financial penalties to universities who over-recruit and exceed their 'consolidation number' by more than 10%, subject to the consideration of any mitigating evidence presented by the university. Specific allocations of funded student places will be provided in the final university funding announcement for AY 2021-22 at the end of May.

### **European Union students**

12. As a result of the UK leaving the European Union (EU) and the transitional period ending in January 2021, EU students without 'Home Fee' status, starting their courses in AY 2021-22 and AY 2022-23, are not eligible for funding by SFC and will be treated as international students. Students should be classified according to guidance provided by SAAS, which can be found at [SAAS: Brexit guidance](#).

### **Funded student places**

13. SFC will contact universities to share our initial calculations of AY 2021-22 funded student places with them for comment. At this stage, universities will be able to inform SFC if our assumed rUK intake does not reflect actual or planned recruitment. We will publish our final funding announcement for AY 2021-22 with our allocations of funded student places. These places will then be updated, if required, following discussions with the universities and the CDO.

### **Further information**

14. Please contact Duncan Condie, Senior Funding Policy Officer for further information, tel: 0131 313 6671, email: [dcondie@sfc.ac.uk](mailto:dcondie@sfc.ac.uk).



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**Table 1: Intake targets for the Scottish Dental Schools for AYs 2021-22 and 2022-23**

<b>University</b>	<b>'Home Fees', rUK &amp; RoI intake target</b>	<b>International intake target</b>	<b>Total intake target</b>
Aberdeen, University of	20	0	<b>20</b>
Dundee, University of	48	9	<b>57</b>
Glasgow, University of	68	11	<b>79</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>156</b>