

# FUNDING WATCH

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## A summary of the current funding for Higher Nationals in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

This paper provides a very simple outline of the current funding situation for the Higher National Diplomas and Certificates for England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The funding of Higher Nationals in England is through [HEFCE](#). The funding of Higher Nationals in Wales is through [HEFCW](#) and in Northern Ireland through [DELNI](#). These agencies apply different rules/protocols to those applied by HEFCE.

**HNC and HNDs and ELQ in England** - HEFCE will fund students moving from a HNC to an HND. For ELQ purposes HEFCE are treating HNC as a lower level qualification to HND, irrespective of how they map to qualification frameworks. This is because HEFCE currently view the HNC as roughly equivalent to 1 year of an HND. So HEFCE will fund learners moving from one to the other.

| Qualification Type  | England   | Wales  | Northern Ireland  |
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| <b>NQF HND/Cs</b>   | <p>NQF HNs will be HEFCE funded in FECs in receipt of direct funding until the end of the NQF in 2010.</p> <p>New QCF HNs will be HEFCE funded when introduced from 2010/11.</p>  | <p>One Welsh FEC is in receipt of direct funding from HEFCW; this will continue until the end of the NQF in 2010.</p> <p>Other Welsh colleges in receipt of indirect HEFCW funding will continue to receive this until the end of the NQF in 2010 New QCF HNs will be HEFCW funded when introduced from 2010/11.</p> | <p>FECs in receipt of funding from DELNI will continue to receive this until the end of the NQF in 2010.</p> <p>New QCF HNs are likely to be funded when introduced from 2010/11.</p> |
| <b>Customised HND/Cs not validated under the Edexcel Licence Agreement</b>  | <p>These programmes are not funded by HEFCE.</p> <p>They tend to be sponsored by particular organisations.</p>  | <p>These programmes are funded by HEFCW either directly (in one college) or indirectly.</p>  | <p>These programmes are not funded by DELNI</p>   |
| <b>HND/Cs validated under the Edexcel Licence Agreement either run in the HEI or on a collaborative basis in an FEC</b> | <p>HEFCE funding to the HEI applies and there is no end date.</p> <p>FE centres within a franchise arrangement with an HEI will draw down funding from the HEI.</p> <p>HE centres will be funded directly by HEFCE.</p> | <p>HEFCW funding to the HEI applies and there is no end date.</p>  | <p>Licence provision in NI is unlikely to continue.</p>   |

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