



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

15 February 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11098 - UNIVERSITY DEGREES ACCREDITED BY OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS

Thank you for your request which I received on 7 February 2017. You asked for:

1. How many university degrees awarded in Wales in the academic years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 were accredited by an overseas institution?
2. How many post-graduate degrees awarded in Wales were accredited by an overseas institution in the above academic years?
3. A breakdown of the type of degrees awarded in Wales by overseas institutions in the above academic years.
4. A breakdown of the overseas institutions which have accredited university degrees in Wales in the above academic years.

The only information held by Welsh Government about degrees awarded in Wales is that collected by the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) each year from higher education institution in the UK. As part of this, HESA collect information about the awarding body or bodies for each course, including a data field which an HE provider can select if any of its courses have been accredited by a non-UK based awarding body.

In answer to questions (1) and (2) above, no courses provided by Welsh higher education providers were recorded as having been accredited by a non-UK based awarding body. Questions (3) and (4) are, therefore, not applicable.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit,

Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email:
FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely