

Routes to HEA accreditation

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The Higher Education Academy
 How much do you know already?

QUESTION 1: The HEA is

- an international organisation
- a UK-wide organisation
- a Scottish organisation?

QUESTION 2: The HEA is

- for teachers at all levels of education
- for teachers in Higher Education?

QUESTION 3: The HEA is.....

- a membership organisation
- a government organisation?

QUESTION 4: The HEA.... *(which of the following apply?)*

- inspects institutions' teaching practice
- inspects individual teachers
- licenses teachers to practise
- accredits individual teachers
- accredits courses for teachers
- runs courses for teachers
- provides teaching resources for individuals

QUESTION 5: *(which of the following apply?)*
 The HEA is for.....

- postgrads who teach
- lecturers
- academic leaders (Deans, VPs, Principals, ...)
- support staff (Counselling, Careers, Library, IT, ...)

HEA Basic Facts - The HEA is....

- A UK-wide membership organisation for all types and levels of staff in Higher Education.
- There are four levels of membership:
 - Associate Fellow
 - Fellow
 - Senior Fellow
 - Principal Fellow
- It provides teaching resources for individuals and for institutions (online materials, events, funding, collaborative projects, commissioned research).
- It accredits courses/ frameworks in institutions, and individual teachers.

www.heacademy.ac.uk

The UK Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF)

Dimensions of the Framework
 Areas of Activity (A 1-5),
 Professional Values (V 1-4)
 Core Knowledge (K 1-6)

<http://edin.ac/2cBawrV>

Adapted from Swansea Academy of Learning and Teaching,
<https://vll.swan.ac.uk/about-the-baw-and-utpa/>

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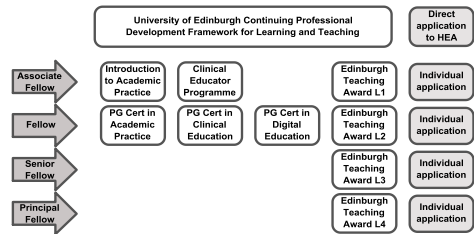
Associate Fellows need to demonstrate:

- Two areas of activity (A1-5) (your choice which ones)
- All the professional values (V 1-4)
- The first two items of core knowledge (K1 and K2).

ACTIVITY: mapping onto the UKPSF

- How do your roles and responsibilities fit with the 'Areas of Activity'?
- What examples of your practice illustrate your understanding of and engagement with 'Core Knowledge' and 'Professional Values'?

What are the routes to HEA accreditation at the University of Edinburgh?



Choosing the best route



WHEN do you want to do this?

- depends on when you want to complete and how you fit in any required CPD

WHAT level of accreditation are you aiming for?

- depends on the range and type of your teaching experiences and how you might develop this.

HOW do you want to work on this?

- depends on your motivation, preferred ways of working, and support needs.

ACTIVITY: Choices to make.

Example CPD activities



- [Events and workshops](#)
- Secondments, networks, consultations and mentoring
- [Principal's Teaching Award Scheme \(PTAS\)](#)
- Courses from the [PgCAP programme](#)
- [IAD courses for tutors & demonstrators](#)
- Online and distance learning
- Locally tailored events (e.g. on assessment and feedback)
- Educational and wider research about teaching and learning in higher education ([EdTA reading list](#), [Learn resources on tutoring & demonstrating](#), [HEA website](#), Times Higher Education, education journals...)

Important dates and contacts



Introduction to Academic Practice (IntroAP):

One semester - next starts in January. Information session on 3 November.
Register your interest at jad.tutdem@ed.ac.uk

Postgraduate Certificate in Academic Practice (PgCAP):

Two cohorts (December, April) with follow up courses
Application form and queries to jad.pgcert@ed.ac.uk

Edinburgh Teaching Award (EdTA):

Two cohorts (next with availability starts in March)
Register your interest at jad.cpdframework@ed.ac.uk

Direct application to the HEA

Start any time - your timeframe! Fees required ☹