

Amendment to Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)

Current Policy:

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The Guild is completely opposed to the marketisation of Higher Education, **and as such opposes any link between TEF and tuition fees.**”

Suggested Amended Policy:

This is an amended version of a current policy. The only change is the removal of a section that referenced a link between TEF and tuition fee levels **(noted in red)**, which is no longer relevant. This amended version is being resubmitted to restate the Guild’s belief that the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) is a flawed way of measuring educational excellence. A revised version is noted below:

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