

Guide to Employment and Finance Approvals including Delegation

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Introduction

This Guidance describes how Employment and Finance approvals have been designed and operate in People and Money, including the Principles of Adoption and System Delegation.

The Principles of Adoption and System Delegation were agreed by the Design Authority in June 2020. These have been reviewed by the Enactment Group (November 2021). These are:

We want to achieve our design principles/business case through simplification, standardisation, reduction of duplication and unnecessary steps and automation of administrative workload and not through displacement of work from one part of the organisation to another or from one group of colleagues to another – professional services staff to academic staff; junior to more senior – where there could be hidden costs.

The Design Authority has agreed the following for direct access, system delegation and system roles:

Benefits Realisation

- Benefits will be realised through the simplification, standardisation and reduction of duplication and automation of administrative workloads.
- Benefits will not be realised through the displacement of work from one part of the organisation to another or from one group of colleagues to another where there could be hidden costs such as professional services staff to academic staff or junior to more senior staff.

Accountabilities and Responsibilities

- The approved financial control environment is a set of policies and procedures that enables the University to operate effectively to achieve its objectives in an environment that focuses on accountability and ethics along with the prevention of theft, fraud and reputational damage.
- The future HR and Finance end-to-end processes include a consistent approach to line management responsibilities throughout the University and make clear accountability for decisions.
- Line managers remain responsible and accountable for ensuring policies and procedures are adhered to, and they retain accountability for ensuring their line manager responsibilities are completed.
- Only University of Edinburgh employees may carry out employment and financial approvals

Standard Delegation Criteria

To ensure that delegation is utilised appropriately and consistently, the following Standard Delegation criteria must be adopted:

• Delegation is for ALL People and Money approval responsibilities to a single person, who must be a University of Edinburgh employee.

- Delegation is in response to a short term need i.e. annual leave, specific work priorities compromising capacity for a period, a period of someone acting up to cover additional responsibilities.
- Delegation must have an end date (exception is where someone is on long term sickness).
- Delegation is for a maximum of 3 months.
- Delegation must be to someone on a higher job grade, same grade or a maximum of two job grades below with the caveat that delegation should not be to a member of staff below a grade 6 (it is deemed appropriate that a manager passes their responsibilities to a depute for a period of time).
- Delegation should be to an appropriate deputy rather than all managers in a School/Department delegating to a single person.
- To ensure financial control and segregation of duties, where a line manager has delegated to one of their reports the delegatee must not submit transactions during the period of delegation.

Delegation in People and Money

Delegation should be set up using Vacation Period within People and Money, prior to the planned absence. A start and end date must be selected along with the name of the person to delegate to. Further information is available in the user guide <u>PM1167 – How to Set up Delegation for a planned or unplanned</u> <u>absence</u> (available under the heading of Absence and Leave).

Delegation will begin after the date of set up, if there are any 'in flight' approval tasks assigned to you before the start date of the delegation period, these will continue to sit in your worklist for action. It is therefore important to set up the vacation period and approve any inflight tasks before taking any leave.

Employment Approvals

The following tables provide a summary of the transaction approvals for each of the HR processes.

Process	GH Refresh	Recruitment (Job requisition)	Annual Leave	Change to Assignment	Timecards for Payment		Parental Leave	Unpaid leave		
Process summary	Minimum hours offer for a defined period	Process to recruit new employees (all contract types)	Request of annual leave against allocated allowance	Changes to an employees grade, FTE, contract end date	Timecards claim fo		Enables employees who meet the necessary criteria to take unpaid leave to look after their child up to their 18th birthday.	Enables employees who meet the necessary criteria to take unpaid Special leave.		
Impact of process	Financial commitment created as minimum hours must be paid even if work is not then offered	Financial commitment created per grade and FTE and contact duration (excl GH where commitment is based on offer of refresh hours)	Master data set of when an employee is working or on leave. Tracks leave against allowance. Determines leave to be paid/recovered at end of contract.	Financial commitment amended per grade and FTE and contact duration change	Results in paymen GH hours paid will app.	· ·	Impacts on the pay of employees taking parental leave	Impacts on the pay of employees taking Unpaid special leave		
Initiator	GH Administrator	Line Manager or School/ Department Administrator (SDA)*	Employee or Line Manager or SDA* on their behalf.	Line Manager or SDA*	Employee	Timekeeper	Employee or Line Manager or SDA	Employee or Line Manager or SDA		
Initial Approver	None	Line Manager if initiated by SDA, otherwise it is further approval route below	Line Manager	Line Manager if initiated by SDA, otherwise it is further approval route below	,		Line Manager** None		Line Manager if initiated by Employee. None if initiated by Line Manger or SDA	Line Manager if initiated by Employee. None if initiated by Line Manger or SDA

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Further	None	Finance Manager	None	Finance Manager	None	None	None
Approval		2 nd Line Manager		2 nd Line Manager			
Route		School/Dept Budget		School/Dept Budget			
		Holder		Holder			
		College/PSG Main		College/PSG Main			
		Budget Holder		Budget Holder			

*A School/Department administrator (SDA) role has been developed to initiate HR transactions on behalf of a manager as approved by the Design Authority. This allows the role holder to complete and submit HR transactions for approval but does not provide approval rights for these transactions.

**Timecard Approvals - If an employee has multiple assignments, they enter the time worked against any or all of their assignments on a single monthly timecard. Approval will be sought from the line manager of each respective assignment (or timekeeper on their behalf) before the time card is ready to be submitted to Payroll for payment. This means that if one of their managers/timekeepers fails to approve the time card before the payroll deadline the employee will not be paid for any of their assignments. Further information is available within the <u>Guide to Time Recording</u>.

Finance Approvals

The following tables provide a summary of the approvals for each of the Finance processes.

General Ledger and Planning and Budgeting Module (EPM)

The standard approval routing in People and Money includes approval by every line manager in the requestor's hierarchy until the transaction is approved by a line manager with the required job level/approval limit. There will be between 1 and 8 approval points depending on the value of the transaction and the job levels held by approvers in the hierarchy. Details of job levels and financial approval limits are provided at <u>appendix 1</u>.

Process	Purchase Requisition	Change Order	Manual purchas e invoice exempt invoice (Offline Form)	Non- trade vendor paymen ts (Offline Form)	Accounts Payable Credit Memo	Employee Expenses	Expense Advances	Sales Invoice	Accounts Receivab le Credit Memo (Offline Form)	Refunds	GL Journals	Budgets and Forecasts	Salary Costing Changes (Form 13 offline)
Process summary	Initial request to start the purchase to pay process, and to check budget available	Make a change to a purchase order	Manual input and approva l of a supplier invoice for paymen t	Manual input and approval of a paymen t to a non- trade vendor or student	Allocate a credit from a supplier to the appropriate account code	An employee claiming payment of appropriate personal expenditur e in line with the Expenses Policy	Employee request for an advance payment for travel and subsisten ce expenses	Sales invoice to be generate d for custome r or student	Apply a credit to a customer 's account	Issue a refund to a customer	Ability to add or move actual, accrued or prepaid costs or income	Submissio n and approval of draft financial budgets and forecasts	Changes to the chart of account coding values and/or percenta ge split if multiple coding allocation s per employee assignme nt

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Preparer (Completes request in People and Money)	Nominated user with a requisition ing role (may also be the requestor)	Nominat ed user with a requisiti oning role or Procure ment Operati ons buyer	Finance Operations - Accounts Payable	Finance Operations - Accounts Payable	Accounts Payable	Employee or their Proxy	Employee or their Proxy	Accounts Receivable	Accounts Receivabl e	le	Finance Busines s Partner or FIRST (other employ ees can comple te a manual journal request templat e)	Finance Business Partner	Payroll
Initial Approver	Requestor' s Line Manager	Approva I required where change order value is increase d beyond toleranc e. The first approve r from the original requisiti on	Requestor's Line Manager	Requestor' s Line Manager	Credit memo requesto r's Line Manager	Employee 's Line Manager (Employe e approves prior to their Line Manager if the expenses have been submitted by a proxy on their behalf)	Employee' s Line Manager (Employee approves prior to their Line Manager if the expense advance has been submitted by a proxy on their behalf)	No approval required	Credit Memo request form – request ors line manag er	Approval is via the manual Credit Memo request form	Journal approv er based on value of journal (approv al groups)	Finance Business Partner/ Head of College Finance (off system Head of College/Regist rar)	Form 13 Manual Approval by Line Manager

Further	Requestor'	Approve	Requestor's	Requestor'	Requesto	Employee	Final	N/A	Credit	Approval is	N/A	Deputy	As per
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required)	hierarchy based on transactio n value and job level approval limits of each Line Manager	original requisiti on approval hierarch y with the required job level/ap proval limit (last approve r only - interme diate approve rs are omitted from the approval routing)	hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits	hierarchy based on transactio n value and job level approval limits	hierarchy based on transacti on value and job level approval limits up to minimu m job level 3 only regardles s of value.	hierarchy based on transactio n value and job level approval limits	Operation s Audit before payment is made		form - Approp riate line manag er based on transac tion value and job level approv al limits	Credit Memo request form		Finance (Off system – Planning Triumvirate then Finance and General Purposes Committee)	below (Appendi x 2)
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Note: Write-offs should be approved by Director of Finance / PRC / Court, although this may in practice be delegated to the Accounts Receivable Manager by the Director of Finance. Further guidance is available within <u>PM-3660- How to Raise a write off.</u>

Projects and Grants

Approval routing for projects and grants transactions is different to the standard line manager approval hierarchy in that the approvals initially flow to the research project principal investigator/estates project manager with further approval (if required) following their line manager hierarchy.

Research project principal investigators/Estates project managers may also delegate approval authority for requisitions up to the value of £10,000 to a project team member (minimum grade UE06) allocated to the requisition approver project role on request . If the project requisition transaction value is £10,000 or less the approval will flow to them only.

Project team members allocated to the Project Manager or Requisition Approver roles on a Project must be University of Edinburgh employees.

Process	Purchas e Requisiti on	Change Order	Manual purchase invoice exempt invoice (Offline Form)	Non-trade vendor payments (Offline Form)	Accounts Payable Credit Memo	Employee Expenses	Expense Advanc es	Sales Invoic e	Accounts receivable credit Memo (Offline Form)	Refunds	Journals (Cost Loader)	Salary Costing Changes (Offline Form)	Timeshe ets For Research Projects (Sharepo int Forms)
Process summary	Initial request to start the purchase to pay process, and to check budget available	Make a change to a purchase order	Manual input and approval of a supplier invoice for payment	Manual input and approval of a payment to a non- trade vendor or student	Allocate a credit from a supplier to the appropriate account code	An employee claiming payment of appropriate personal expenditure in line with the Expenses Policy	Employ ee request for an advance paymen t for travel and subsiste nce expense s	Sales invoic e to be gener ated for custo mer or stude nt	Apply a credit to a customer's account	Issue a refund to a custom er	Ability to add or move actual, accrued or prepaid costs or income	Changes to the chart of account coding values and/or percentage split if multiple coding allocations per employee assignment to allow update to monthly	Timeshe et submitte d to record time worked on projects which require enhance d timeshee t

												manual costing allocation spreadsheet	informati on
Impact of process	Approval of the requisiti on creates the financial commit ment, reserves the funds and submits the require ment to purchase to Procure ment	Approval of the change order creates the financial commitment , reserves the funds and submits the requirement to purchase to Procurement	Approval will allow the payment to be made and the cost allocated to the correct project	Approval will allow the payment to be made and the cost allocated to the correct project	Approval will allow the credit to be allocated to the correct project	Uncommitte d cost where approval will allow the actual cost to be allocated to the correct project	Approva I allows the expense advance to be paid into the request or's bank account	Monie s due to the univer sity are receiv ed and alloca ted to the correc t projec t	Approval will allow the debit to be allocated to the correct account code	Refund paid into the custom er's bank account	Actual, accrued or prepaid costs or income transferr ed to appropri ate codes	Changes the budget the actual cost is coded to and/or percentage allocation of the total cost	Approve d timeshee ts available for funders and audit purposes where required
Initiator (Requesto r)	Project Team Member who needs to make a purchase	Project Team Member who initiated the original requisition or Procurement Operations	Project Team Member who requests payment of invoice (invoice owner)	Project Team Member who requests payment (payment owner)	Project Team Member who initiated the original requisition/p ayment	Project Team Member	Project Team Membe r	Projec t Team Mem ber who reque sts the invoic e (sales invoic	Project Team Member who initiated the original sales invoice	Trigger ed by Sales Credit Memo process where original sales invoice is paid	Project Team Member	Principal Investigator /project manager/ Project Administrat or	Project Team Member

Preparer (Complete s request in People and Money)	Nominat ed user with a requisiti oning role (may be the requesto r)	Nominated user with a requisitionin g role (Requestor or Preparer) or Procurement Operations Buyer	Accounts Payable	Accounts Payable Non-trade vendor bulk upload – Accounts Payable	Accounts Payable	Project Team Member or proxy	Project Team Membe r or Proxy	e owner) Edinb urgh Resea rch Office	Edinburgh Research Office	Accoun ts Receiva ble	Research Grants Section (Finance)	Finance Systems team uploads allocation journal	Project Team Member or proxy
Initial Approver	Principal Investiga tor/Proje ct Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator) Where the Principal Investiga tor / Project Manager has delegate	Approval required where change order value is increased beyond tolerance. Principal Investigator/ Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator)	Principal Investigator /Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator)	Principal Investigator /Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator) Non-Trade vendor Supplier bulk upload – People and Money approval: Principal Investigator /Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator)	Principal Investigator/ Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator)	Principal Investigator /Project Manager (or their Line Manager if they are the initiator) (Employee approves prior to the Principal Investigator /Project Manager if the expenses have been submitted by a proxy	Employ ee's Line Manage r (Employ ee approve s prior to the Line Manage r if the expense s have been submitt ed by a proxy	No appro val requir ed	Credit Memo request form: Principal Investigator /project manager	Approv al is via the manual credit memo request form	Research Grants Section (Finance)	Manual Form Approval by Principal Investigator /project manager	Principal Investiga tor

	d requisiti on approval authorit y to a Project Team Member they will be the initial (and only) financial approver for requisiti ons up to the value of £10k					on their behalf)	on their behalf)						
Further Approval Route	Principal Investiga tor/Proje ct Manager 's Line Manager hierarch y based on transacti on value and job level	Line Manager in Principal Investigator/ Project Manager's hierarchy with required job level/approv al limit (last approver only - intermediate	Principal Investigator /Project Manager's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits	Principal Investigator /Project Manager's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits	Principal Investigator/ Project Manager's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits up to minimum	Principal Investigator' s Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits	Final approva I by Finance Operati ons Audit before paymen t is made	N/A	Credit Memo request form - Appropriate line manager based on transaction value and job level approval limits	Approv al is via the manual Credit Memo request form	N/A	N/A	N/A

	approval limits	approvers are omitted from the approval routing)	Democrat	Bulk upload - People and Money approval - Principal Investigator /Project Manager's Line Manager hierarchy based on transaction value and job level approval limits	job level 3 only regardless of value	Debusia	•	Color.	Conditi	Defend	Cont		
Risk	Requisiti on not approve d promptly – delaying project Appropri ate budget checks not complet ed – risk of non- complian t spend/o verspen d	Change order not approved promptly – delaying project Appropriate budget checks not completed – risk of non- compliant spend/overs pend	Payment not approved promptly Appropriat e budget checks not completed by approver resulting in approval of non- compliant spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs	Payment not approved promptly Appropriate budget checks not completed by approver resulting in approval of non- compliant spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs	Credit from supplier not applied promptly to achieve refund.	Delay in reimbursing staff Appropriate budget checks and validation to policy are not completed by approver resulting in approval of non- compliant spend and/or incorrect allocation of costs	Appropr iate budget checks and validati on to policy are not complet ed by approve r resultin g in approva I of non- complia nt spend and/or incorrec	Sales invoic e issued in error or with incorr ect value	Credit memo invoice issued without correct manual approval of form	Refund issued when a further invoice to replace is due	Cost reallocati ons not processe d timeousl y resulting in financial position not reported correctly and grant claim is incorrect	Allocation changes are applied without approval	Timeshe et evidence unavaila ble for funders where required may result in grant payment being withheld.

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	task' to	person as an	another	another			specialis				of claim		
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	another	(e.g. budget	an	approver			check						
	person	holder or	approver	(e.g. budget			specific						
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Appendix 1 - Job Levels and Financial Approval Limits

A job level determines how much University resource someone can approve in line with the Delegated Authority Schedule (DAS), as outlined in the table below. Every employee within the University must have an appropriate Job level. Further information is available in the Guide to Job Classifications and Positions.

	General Ledger / CoA Approvals								
Job Level (i)	Approver - where defined in Delegated Authority Schedule (DAS)	Requisition Approval	Manual AP Invoice Approval	AP Credit Memo Approval	Expenses Approval				
N/A	Committee - e.g. University Court	> £2m	> £50k	> £2m	> £100k				
8	Principal	£2m	£50k	All values	100k				
7	Head of College Head of Professional Services Groups (CSG/ISG/USG) Director of Finance Director of Estates	£1m	£50k	All values	£50k				
6	Head of School/Department Dean of Deanery	£500k	£25k	All values	£10k				
5		£100k	€10k	All values	€1k				
4		£50k	£5k	All values	£500				
3	Delegation to these job levels is defined by job	£25k	£1k	All values	£100				
2	within People and Money	£10k	None	None	None				
1		£2k	None	None	None				
0		None	None	None	None				

Job levels and Financial Approval Limits

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(i) Job levels are not used for one-time payments (e.g. visitor expenses) or AR credit notes - they are approved by the requestor's line manager regardless of value.

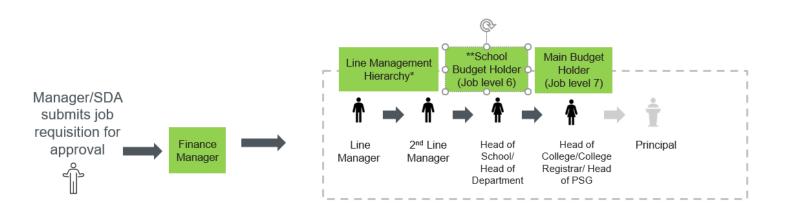
	Projects and Grants Approvals								
Job Level (ii)	Approver	Requisition Approval	Manual AP Invoice Approval	AP Credit Memo Approval	Expenses Approval				
N/A	Principal Investigator Project Manager (Estates)	£50k	£5k	All Values	£1k				
N/A	Project Requisition Approver Role	£10k	None	None	None				

(ii) Projects approval limits are linked to roles in the projects module rather than allocted through job levels. Where a project transaction is above the Principal Investigator/Project Manager approval limit it will be routed to their line manager for approval and refer to the line manager's job level approval limits.

(iii) A principal investigator/project manager/requisition approver can have two approval limits. As well as approval limits assigned through their project role for project transactions they may also have a job level assigned to them which gives them different approval limits for general ledger/CoA transactions

Appendix 2 – HR and Finance approval workflow

HR approvals - job requisitions and change assignments

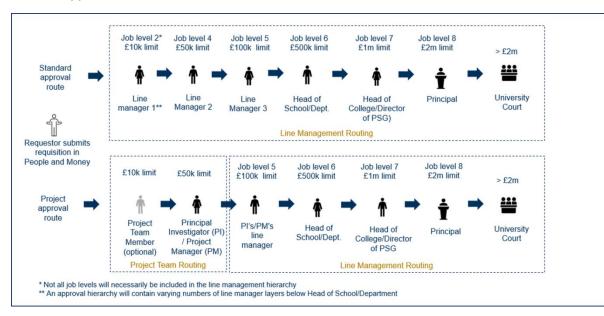


Nb. Issues identified in testing prevented HR phase 1 going live with the agreed approval model. An interim process was adopted with all approvals going to Head of College/Director of PSG with a commitment to move to the agreed approval model at a later date.

*In many schools/depts. there are more than two layers of line manager below HoS/HoD level

**Some employment approvals will stop at this level in line with the Design Authority agreement e.g. externally funded posts

Finance Approval Workflow



Appendix 3 - Finance approval workflow routing options

In addition to delegation set up through vacation period functionality described above, other approval routing options are available to the approver at the transaction approval stage for requisitions, staff expenses etc. These approval routing options may be used where it would be appropriate for someone other than, or in addition to, the requestor's line manager to approve the transaction.

Approval Routing Actions	Functionality	Recommendation for use
Reassign	Reassigns approval task but not approval level to another user. After approval by the assignee, the approval workflow follows the assignee's hierarchy if further approval is required.	Where approval needs to be completed by a specific budget holder and then their line manager hierarchy.
Route Task	Approve and add an additional approver to the approval workflow (directly after current approver) After approval by the additional approver the approval workflow returns to the original approval hierarchy if further approval is required.	Adding a budget holder or interested person into the approval hierarchy.

Appendix 4 - HR approval scenarios and final approvers

Approval Scenario	Posts	Main Budget Holder (Level 7)	School/ Department Budget Holder (Level 6)
Additional allowances	Allowances such as: acting up, on-call, out of hours, etc.		*
Change of salary code	Change of Salary Costing from Restricted fund segments to Unrestricted fund segments irrespective of the amount.	*	
Chair appointments	Follows normal approval but has additional step of approval to Principal.*	*	
Clinical posts	Any clinical professorial post.	*	
Envelope submissions	All new Envelope Submissions* (or increases to existing Envelope Submissions)	*	
Envelope submissions	Individual vacancies where an Envelope Submission has been approved (unless to increase the size of the envelope)		*
Extension to contract (> 6 months)	Extensions of Internally funded Fixed Term Contract roles where there is an additional internal cost.	*	
Extension to contract (< 6 months, including any previous extensions)	Extensions of Internally funded Fixed Term Contract roles where there is an additional internal cost.		*

Externally funded posts	Roles that do not have a financial implication for the full duration of the commitment .i.e. externally funded posts.		*
Fixed Term Contracts to Open Ended Contract conversions	All transfers from Fixed Term to Open-ended status irrespective of funding source	*	
Guaranteed hours envelope *	All new Guaranteed Hours Envelope Submissions* (or increases to existing Envelope Submissions)	*	
Temporary absence cover	Any maternity cover (or other equivalent leave) which have internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment	*	
UE10 posts	Any UE10 academic, professional or support post.	*	
Increase in hours	Increase in hours where there is an additional internal	*	
(Increase is for > 10 hrs per week or more for 6 months or more).	cost.		
Increase in hours (Increase is <10 hours per week or for less than 6 months)	Increase in hours where there is an additional internal cost.		*
Increase of salary contributions (> 10% increase)	Increase of internal funding salary contribution where there is an additional internal cost	*	
Increase of salary contributions (< 10% increase)	Increase of internal funding salary contribution where there is an additional internal cost.		*
New post (> 6 months)	Any new posts to be filled which has internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment.	*	
New post (< 6 months)	Any new posts to be filled which has internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment.		*
Position management	New posts arising from departmental reorganisations or restructuring.	*	
Promotions	Promotions with post holder in place Note: Approval process is primarily through structured committee governance.	*(see Note)	

Re-gradings	Re-gradings with post holder(s) in place Note: Approval process is primarily through structured committee governance.	*(see Note)	
Replacement post	Internally funded non-like for like replacements of posts.	*	
Replacement post	Internally funded like-for-like replacements of posts.	*	
Secondments	Any secondment roles which have internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment	*	
Splitting of a position into fractions or job shares	May or may not have a financial implication but will increase the number of positions in a school/ department	*	
Student experience envelope *	All new Student Experience Envelope Submissions* (or increases to existing Envelope Submissions) e.g. for Students employed in designated 'Student Experience' posts (J fixed term reason code) and 'Employed' posts (D fixed term code) roles. The contract should last no longer than the successful candidate's period of study*		*
Temporary absence cover	Sickness or other absence cover which have internally funded financial implications for any part of the duration of the commitment	*	