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**The Department for Education is inviting providers to register for Prevent duty monitoring.**

**Non-publicly funded providers who meet the specific conditions below are invited to register.**

We would like to hear from non-publicly funded providers with more than 250 students who meet the following conditions:

- There are more than 250 students registered with the provider *at one time* rather than over the course of a given period.
- There are more than 250 students *on one site*. This means if you have several sites, each one is treated as a separate entity, unless there are factors that make it more appropriate to treat the different sites as an aggregate.
- Over 250 students are all undertaking courses in preparation for examinations related to qualifications regulated by Ofqual.

If you do meet these criteria, or have any further questions about the Prevent duty, please contact DfE via [FE.PREVENT@education.gov.uk](mailto:FE.PREVENT@education.gov.uk).

#### Detail:

Last September, the Department for Education contacted members of English UK regarding the Prevent duty. We invited providers to register with us if they met the statutory criteria for the duty. This notice reminds you that this self-registration scheme is still open.

For those providers who did not receive the September 2016 letter I have set out below the rationale behind this self-registration scheme.

You will be aware that the Prevent duty came into effect for the further education sector in September 2015. Prevent requires providers to show due regard to the need to prevent their learners from being drawn into terrorism.

The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 set out which providers are subject to the Prevent duty. It specifies that the duty applies to non-publicly-funded institutions at which more than 250 students (*at any one time*) are undertaking courses in preparation for examinations related to qualifications regulated by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation<sup>1</sup>. The over 250 students criteria applies to one site. This means if you have several sites each one is treated as a separate entity.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/6/schedule/6>



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Prevent is complementary to any safeguarding policies and practices that you may already have in place for your learners. The actions which we expect providers to take under Prevent are set out in the statutory guidance which accompanies the duty<sup>2</sup>.

You should note that, even for providers who do not meet the criteria above, the Prevent duty remains an important tool in safeguarding learners. You should also of course comply with any Prevent compliance conditions that your appropriate membership or accreditation body stipulate.

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