

# HE Licence Quick Guide

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## Commercial Research/Consultancy

### Introduction

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2. We then multiply this derived FTES by our published rate of £51.20.
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### HESA datasets

The relevant HESA datasets are those covering:

- total income (derived from all sources);
- total income contributed by 'commerce, industry and public corporations';
- total academic staff.

## Illustrative example

HEI: University of Wessex

Licence period: 1 August 2024 – 31 July 2025

Total annual income of the University of Wessex	£207,121,000
Total income contributed by commerce/industry:	£3,106,815
Proportion of total income derived from commerce/industry:	1.5%
Total academic staff of the University of Wessex	1,669
1.5% of total academic staff:	25 (notional FTES)
Published rate:	£51.20
25 x £51.20 =	Total Fee: £1,281.79

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