

TEF Hub: User guide for providers (updated November 2023)

This is the TEF Hub user guide for TEF contacts and accountable officers.

If you need support with using the Hub or encounter any issues, please contact us at tefsystems@officeforstudents.org.uk

What is the TEF Hub?

The TEF Hub is a secure file sharing site. It can currently be used by provider contacts to:

- access TEF guidance and TEF data
- upload provider submissions
- provide information to help us verify the content of your submission
- view provisional outcomes and make representations
- view final outcomes
- manage TEF contacts as an accountable officer
- contact the TEF Team.

Accountable officers are invited to set up a TEF Hub account but are not required to.

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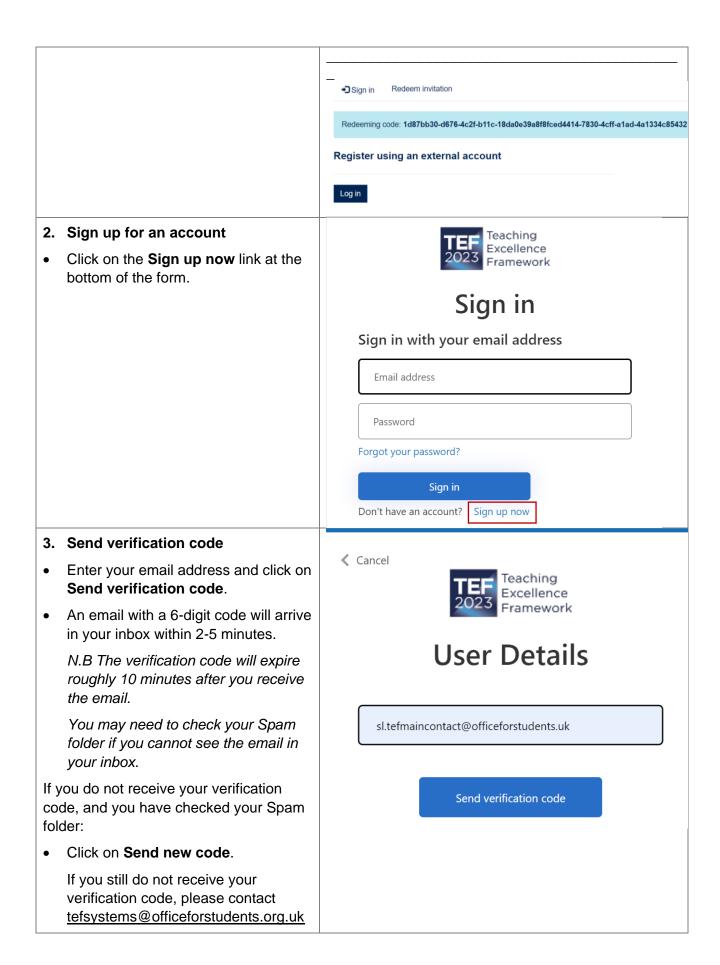
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Accessing the TEF Hub

Setting up your TEF Hub account

Before you can log in to the TEF Hub, you will need to set up your TEF Hub account. You can start to set up your account once you receive a TEF Hub login invitation email from TEF@officeforstudents.org.uk. This will confirm your TEF contact role and contain:

- a URL link to the TEF Hub
- an invitation code unique to you, for you to use to redeem your invitation to the TEF Hub.
- 1. Redeem your invitation Hub Click on the TEF Hub URL link in your invitation email which will take Redeem invitation ◆**J** Sign in you to the 'Sign-up with an invitation code' page. Sign up with an invitation code Copy and paste the invitation code from the email into the *Invitation * Invitation code code field and then click the Register button. $\hfill \square$ I have an existing account Click the **Log in** button. Register



4. Verify your account

- Once the email arrives, copy and paste the code into the verification code field (or type it in).
- Click on Verify code.
- If the verification code has expired, please click **Send new code** and repeat the steps above.



Verification code has been sent to your inbox. Please copy it to the input box below.

sl.tefmaincontact@officeforstudents.uk

Verification Code

Verify code

Send new code

5. Create your password

- Click in New Password and type in your choice of password and repeat it in Confirm New Password.
- If these fields already have dots in them, your browser may have selected a password for you. You can continue with that password or click in the fields to type in your own password.
- Click the Create button (you do not need to confirm your Given name and Surname).

Password rules:

- It must be between 8 and 64 characters.
- It must have at least 3 of the following:
 - a lowercase letter
 - an uppercase letter
 - a digit
 - a symbol
- It must not begin or end with a space.

New Password
Confirm New Password
Given Name
Surname

Create

Logging in to the TEF Hub

6. Open the TEF Hub launch Hub page • Open this link: https://tef-Redeem invitation ◆ Sign in submissions.officeforstudents .org.uk/ Click below to log in • Click on the Log in button. Log in 7. Complete your sign in Teaching Excellence Enter your email address and Framework password and click on Sign in. Sign in Sign in with your email address Email address Password Forgot your password? Sign in Don't have an account? Sign up now 8. Multi-factor authentication ← Cancel process Office for Students • We have implemented multifactor authentication, so you will need to request a **User Details** verification code to sign into the TEF Hub. Click on the **Send** Verification is necessary. Please click Send button. verification code. **Email Address** • An email with a 6-digit code H******@mailinator.com will arrive in your inbox within 2-5 minutes. Please note that this email will be from Microsoft on behalf of the Send verification code OfS. N.B The verification code will expire roughly 10 minutes after you receive the email. Continue

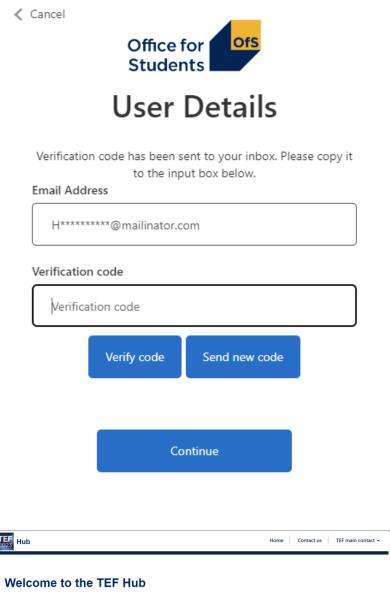
9. Verification code

- Once the email arrives, copy and paste the code into the verification code field (or type it in).
- Click on Verify code.

Troubleshooting tips

- If the verification code has expired, please click Send new code and repeat the steps above.
- If you cannot see the email with your verification code:
 - a. Check your Spam folder
 - b. If it is not there, try requesting a new code by clicking on **Send new** code.

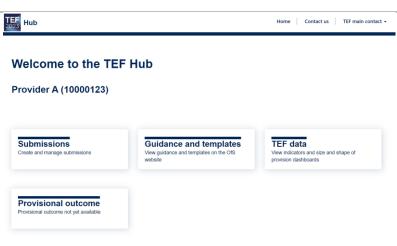
If you still do not receive your verification code, please contact tefsystems@officeforstudents.org .uk



10. You are now signed into the TEF Hub

On the Home page you can view:

- Your name in the top right hand corner
- Your provider's name and UKRPN
- You can see four buttons for Submissions, Guidance and templates, TEF data and Provisional outcome.



Please contact <u>tefsystems@officeforstudents.org.uk</u> if you have any issues accessing the TEF Hub.

TEF guidance and TEF data

Accessing guidance and templates

- Sign in to the TEF Hub (see details on the previous page).
- Click on Guidance and templates.
- You will be re-directed to the OfS website¹ where you'll find relevant TEF guidance and templates.



Accessing TEF data dashboards

- Sign in to the TEF Hub.
- Click on TEF data.

TEF data View indicators and size and shape of provision dashboards TEF data Use the buttons below to access the data dashboards on the OfS website Indicators dashboard Size and shape of provision

 You will see two options, one for the Indicators dashboard and one for Provision dashboard.

 Click these options to be redirected to the data dashboards on the OfS website.

For queries relating to the **TEF guidance and template**, please contact <u>TEF@officeforstudents.org.uk</u>

For queries relating to **TEF data**, please contact <u>providermetrics@officeforstudents.org.uk</u>

¹ The TEF guidance and templates are at <u>www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/teaching/about-the-tef/tef-guidance/.</u>

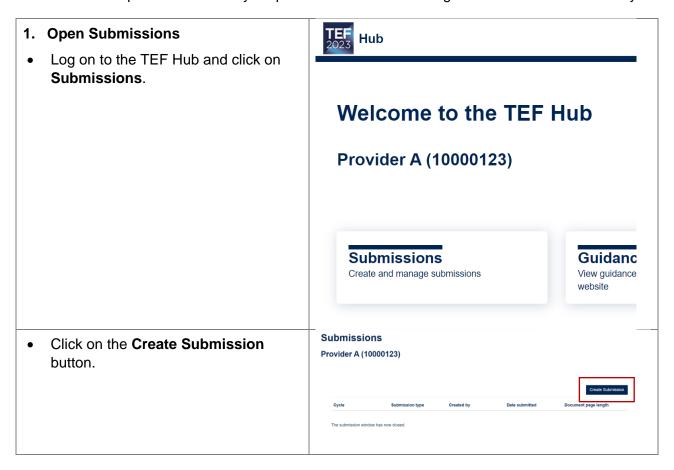
Provider submissions

Submission format

Please refer to Regulatory advice 22: Guidance on the Teaching Excellence Framework 2023 for the submission date ², the submission format and length requirements, and for access to the optional providers submission template.³

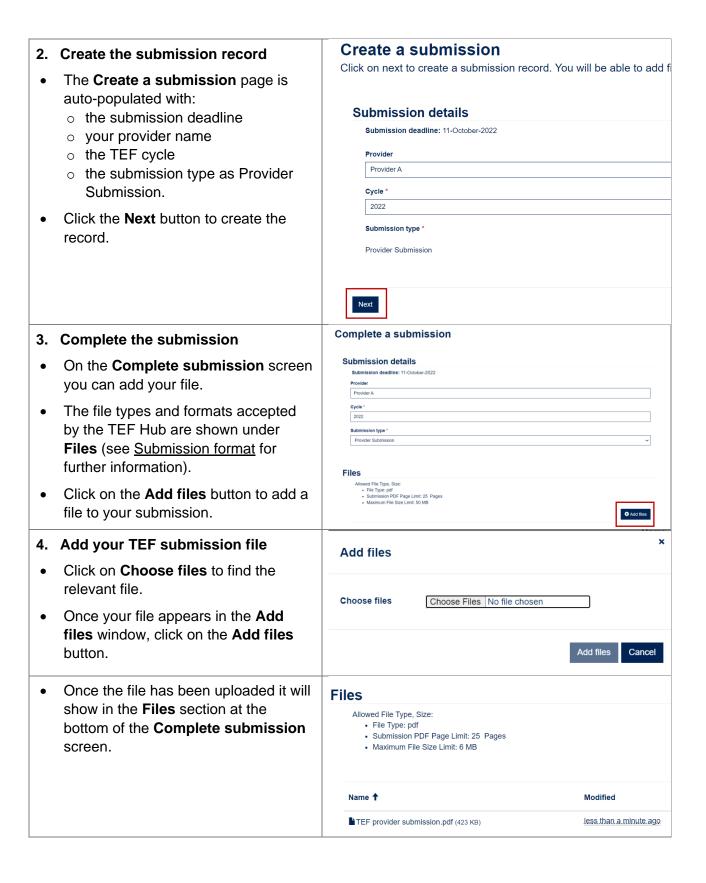
How to upload your provider submission

You are able to upload and submit your provider submission during the submission window only.



² See the TEF 2023 guidance at <u>www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/regulatory-advice-22-guidance-on-the-teaching-excellence-framework-2023/https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/77d4955c-4165-4f8f-94cf-315544b6cf25/ra22-tef-framework-guidance-final.pdf, page 22, Table 3.</u>

³ Available at <u>www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/regulatory-advice-22-guidance-on-the-teaching-excellence-framework-2023/.</u>



5. Confirm your submission

Once you have added the relevant file and you're happy with your submission, you can confirm it:

- Scroll down the screen and please read the **Declaration** text.
- If the relevant parts of the declaration are accurate, click on the Submit button.
- Once the submission has been submitted, your screen will change to View submission (see details below).
- The TEF contacts and accountable officer will receive an email confirming receipt of your submission.
- This email may ask you to amend your submission if it does not meet the submission format and length requirements (see <u>How to amend your</u> provider submission once uploaded).

Files

Allowed File Type, Size:

- · File Type: pdf
- Submission PDF Page Limit: 25 Pages
- . Maximum File Size Limit: 6 MB

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Declaration

For all documents uploaded:

- . I confirm that the information in the documents uploaded is accurate and verifiab
- I understand that documents uploaded to this portal as of the relevant deadline v

For provider submissions:

- I confirm that I am uploading this submission as the Accountable Officer of my print knowledge and consent (a notification will be sent to the Accountable Officer to it
- I understand that the provider holds the copyright to its TEF submission, and the property right) or other right of any third party.
- I understand that a copy of the submission will be made available to TEF panel r
 may be published by the OfS in official sources of information as part of the TEF

For student submissions:

- I confirm that I am uploading this submission as the TEF main student contact or so independently and I have had the final say over the submission's content.
- I understand that a copy of the submission will be made available to TEF panel r
 may be published by the OfS in official sources of information as part of the TEF



6. View your submission

 You are now able to view your submission.

View Submission

Below are the details of the submission related to your provider

Submission details

Submission open date: 03-October-2022 Submission deadline: 11-October-2022

Provider

Provider A

Cycle *

2022

Submission type *

Provider Submission

Files

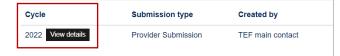
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- You can view this at any time by clicking on **Submissions** on the Home page.
- On the Submissions page, hover over the Cycle column and click on the View details button that appears.

Submissions

Provider A (10000123)

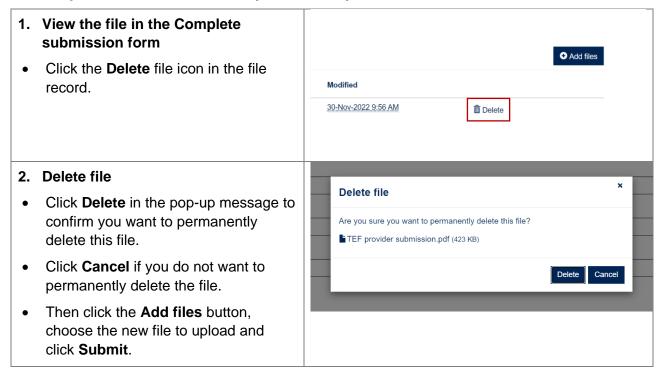


How to amend your provider submission once uploaded

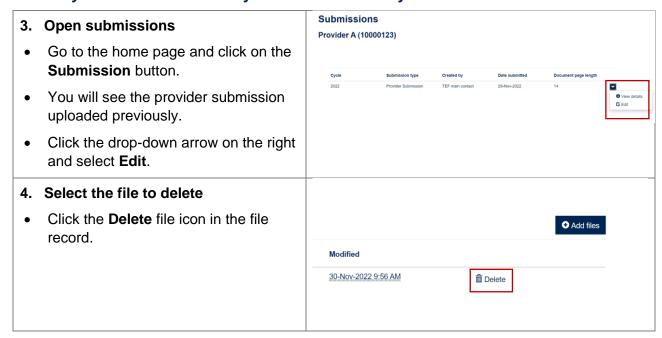
You can amend your submission before the submission deadline, either:

- after you have uploaded the file and before you click submit, or
- after you have uploaded the file and clicked submit.

Amend your submission before you submit your file

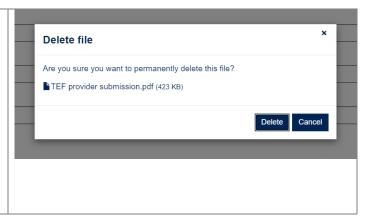


Amend your submission after you have submitted your file



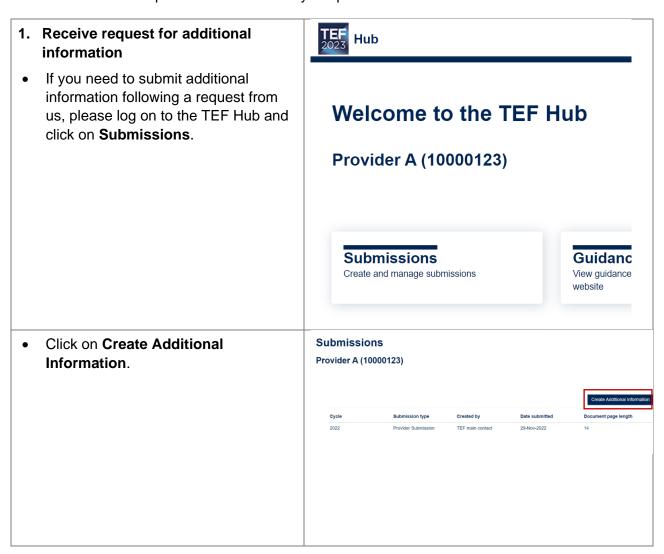
5. Delete the file

- Click **Delete** in the pop-up message to confirm you want to permanently delete this file.
- Click Cancel if you do not want to permanently delete the file.
- Then click the Add files button, choose the new file to upload and click Submit.



How to upload additional information for verification

You may receive a request from us to supply additional information, following verification checks by the TEF Team and requests for verification by the panel.⁴



⁴ See the TEF 2023 guidance at <u>www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/regulatory-advice-22-guidance-on-the-teaching-excellence-framework-2023/, paragraphs 148-155.</u>

2. Complete the submission Complete a submission Complete the submission by following Submission details steps 2 to 6 described in How to upload your provider submission. Cycle * Files Declaration For all documents uploa 3. View additional information **View Submission** Below are the details of the submission related to your provider You are now able to view your Submission details additional information submission. Submission open date: 03-October-2022 Submission deadline: 11-October-2022 You will receive an email confirming receipt of the additional information submission. 2022 Submission type * Provider Additional Information Files Name † additional information.pdf (423 KB) less than a minute ago

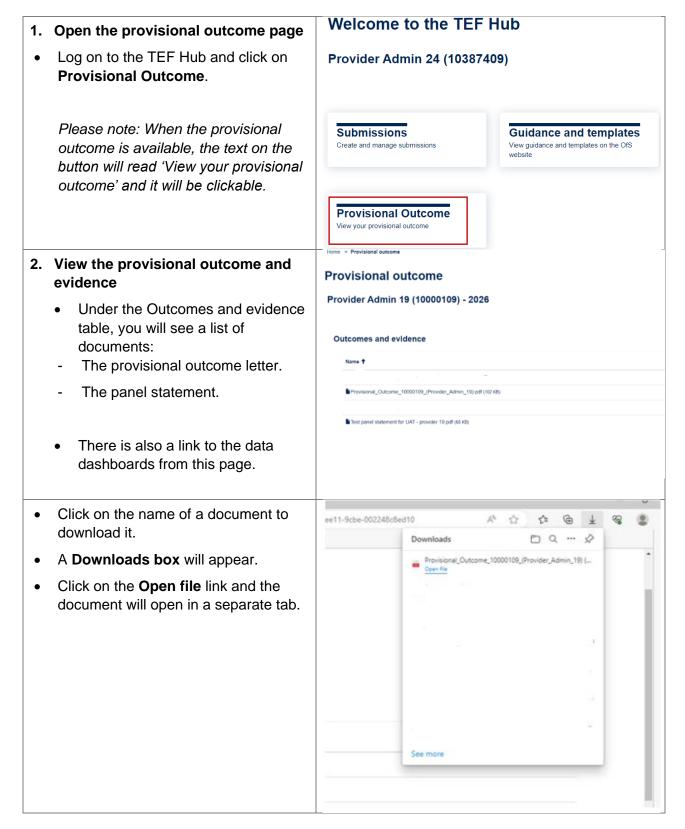
Please email <u>tefsystems@officeforstudents.org.uk</u> for queries about creating and completing your provider submission

For general guidance on submissions, please contact <u>TEF@officeforstudents.org.uk</u>

Provisional TEF outcomes

Accountable officers and TEF contacts will receive an email notifying them when their TEF provisional outcome is available on the TEF Hub.

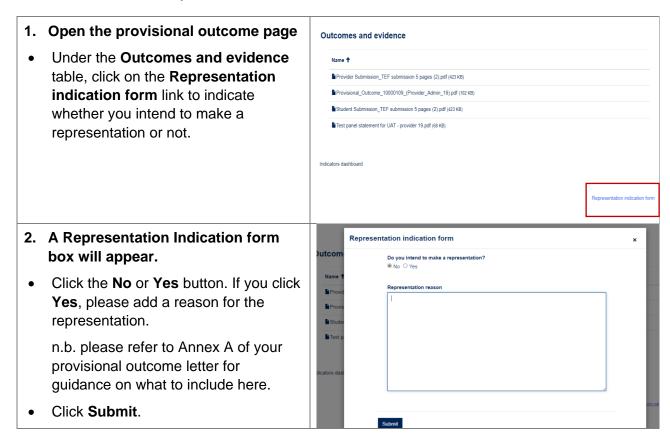
Accessing the TEF provisional outcome



Representation indication form

As advised in your provisional decision letter, it would assist with our planning for managing any representations that we receive if you could advise us whether or not you are planning to make a representation and the basis for this.

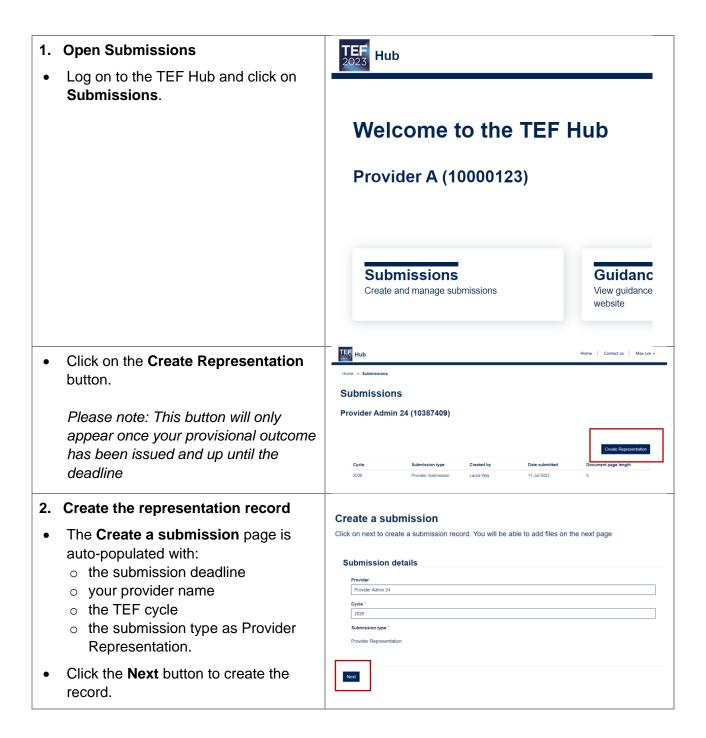
Any indication you provide at this stage is non-binding, and you can change your mind at any point before the deadline for representations.

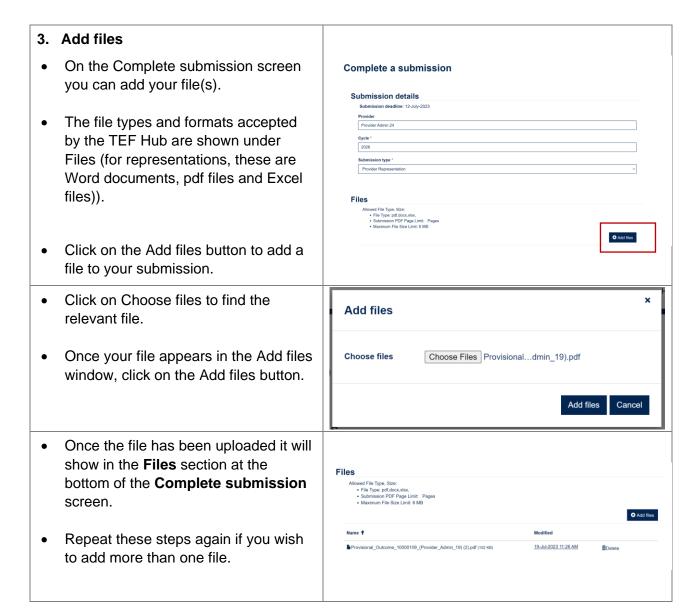


How to upload representations

Representations are treated as a type of submission in the TEF Hub, so you need to use the Submissions option to upload and submit them.

You are able to upload and submit representations only up until 28 days after you receive your provisional outcome, unless you have been granted an extension.





4. Submit your representations

Once you have added the relevant file and you're happy with your representation submission, you can submit it:

 Scroll down the screen and please read the **Declaration** text, then click on the **Submit** button.

Please note: we will not publish representations and only the initial provider submission.

- Once the submission has been submitted, your screen will change to View submission (see details below 6. View your submission).
- The TEF contacts and accountable officer will receive an email confirming receipt of your submission.

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For student submissions:

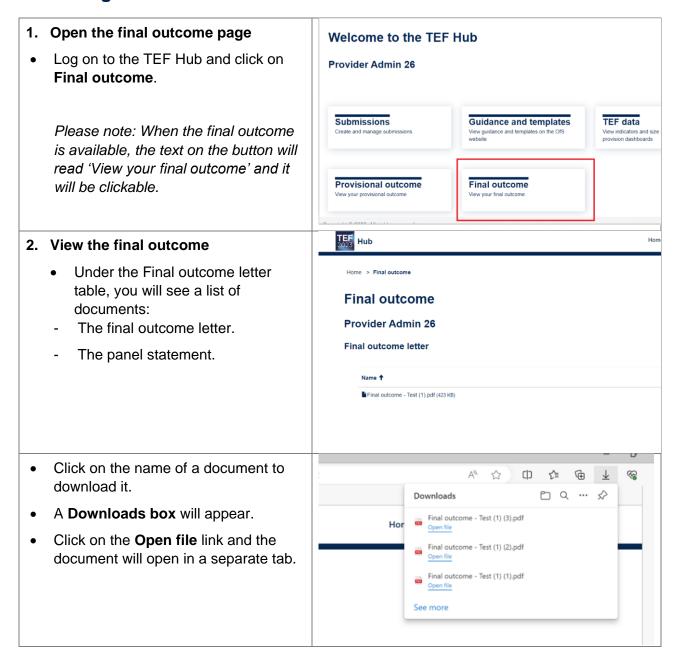
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Final TEF outcomes

Accountable officers and TEF contacts will receive an email notifying them when their TEF final outcome is available on the TEF Hub.

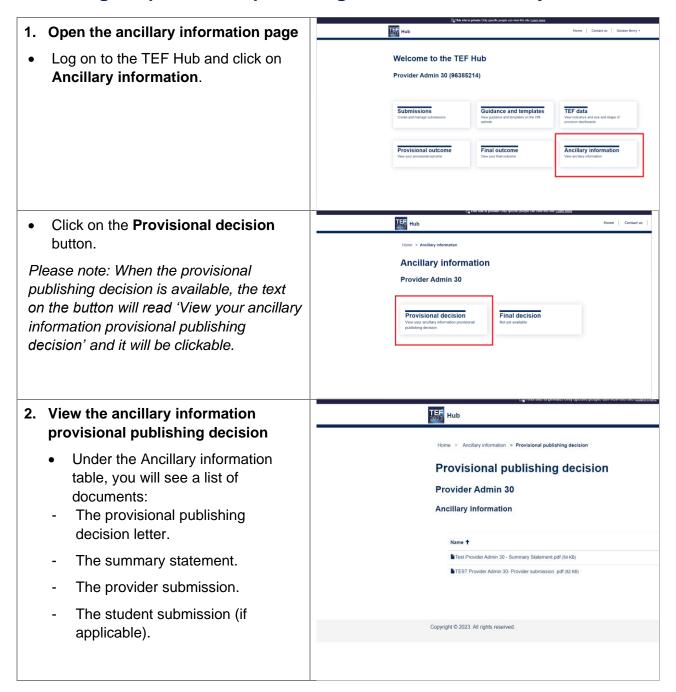
Accessing the TEF final outcome

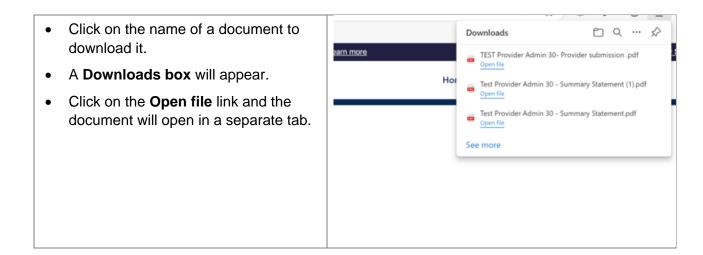


Ancillary information - provisional publication decision

When we have made a provisional publication decision about the ancillary information listed in paragraph 88b of <u>Regulatory Advice 22</u>, we will email accountable officers and TEF contacts to notify them that this decision, and the information we intend to publish, is available on the TEF Hub.

Accessing the provisional publishing decision and ancillary information

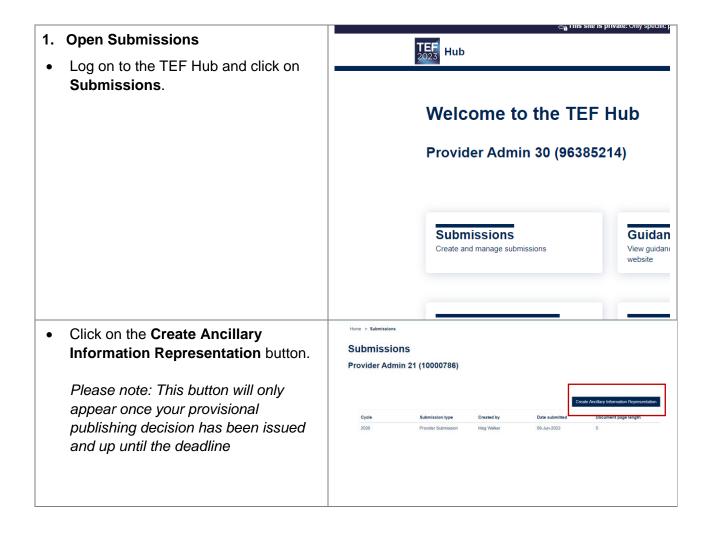




How to upload representations about the provisional publishing decision

You have 14 days to make any representations about the additional information we have made a provisional decision to publish.

Representations are treated as a type of submission in the TEF Hub, so you need to use the Submissions option to upload and submit them.



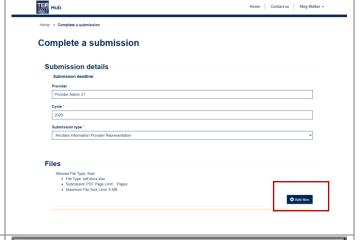


- The Create a submission page is auto-populated with:
 - o your provider name
 - o the TEF cycle
 - the submission type as Ancillary Information Provider Representation
- Click the **Next** button to create the record.

Hub Nome | Contact on | Mag Walter + Home | Contact on | Mag Walter + Create a submission Click on next to create a submission record. You will be able to add files on the next page Submission details Preview Provider Admort 21 Cycle * 2028 Submission type * Ancillary Information Provider Representation.

3. Add files

- On the Complete submission screen you can add your file(s).
- The file types and formats accepted by the TEF Hub are shown under Files (for representations, these are Word documents, pdf files and Excel files)).
- Click on the Add files button to add a file to your submission.
- Click on Choose files to find the relevant file.
- Once your file appears in the Add files window, click on the Add files button.
- Once the file has been uploaded it will show in the Files section at the bottom of the Complete submission screen.
- Repeat these steps again if you wish to add more than one file.







4. Submit your representations

Once you have added the relevant file and you're happy with your representation submission, you can submit it:

 Scroll down the screen and please read the **Declaration** text, then click on the **Submit** button.

Please note: we will not publish representations and only the initial provider submission.

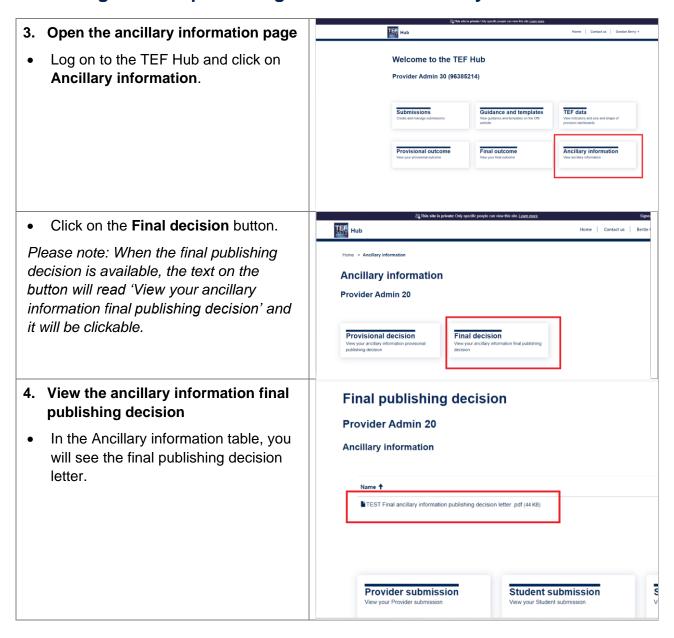
- Once the submission has been submitted, your screen will change to View submission (see details below 6. View your submission).
- The TEF contacts and accountable officer will receive an email confirming receipt of your submission.
- If you need to amend or delete your submission, please see details above (How to amend your provider submission).

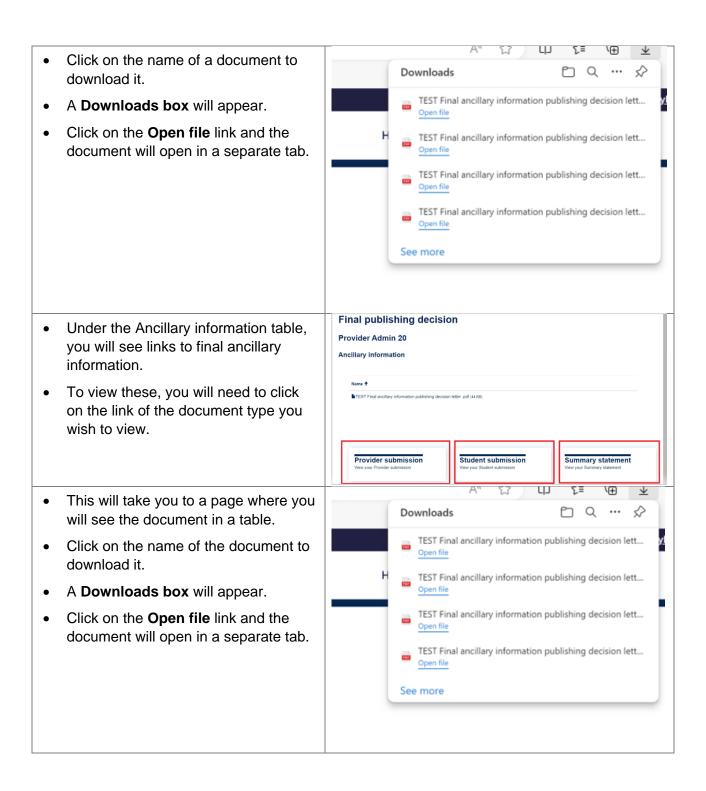


Ancillary information – final publication decision

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Accessing the final publishing decision and ancillary information





TEF contacts

Updating TEF contacts as the accountable officer

Accountable officers can update and replace their provider's TEF main and TEF alternative contacts via the TEF Hub. Please contact <u>TEF@officeforstudents.org.uk</u> if you are the accountable officer and wish to amend the TEF main contact to be yourself.

Active update contact requests

1. Go to Contact updates Log on to the TEF Hub and click on Update TEF contacts.



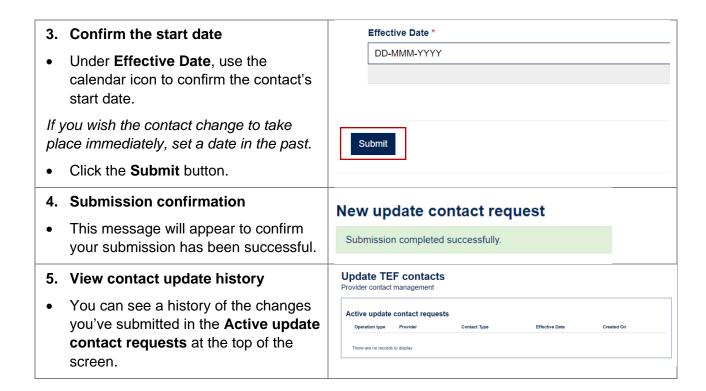
2. Select the TEF contact to replace

Contact changes you make will appear as requests. The top part of this screen will show any previous requests you've sent (see details below).

To send a new request for a contact update:

- In the drop-down list, select the name of the contact you wish to replace.
- Enter the details of the new contact in the following fields:
 - o Salutation
 - o First name
 - o Last name
 - Email address
 - o Phone number
- Under Contact Type, select the relevant TEF role from the drop-down list.

Provider				
Provider A				
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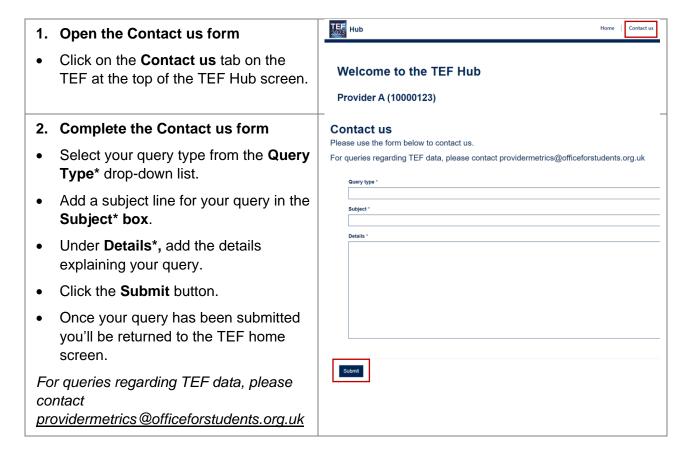
Updating TEF student contacts as the accountable officer

Please contact <u>TEF@officeforstudents.org.uk</u> if you wish to update your TEF student contacts. Please provide information about the role held by any new student being nominated to allow us to check their suitability.⁵

⁵ See the TEF 2023 guidance at <u>www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/regulatory-advice-22-guidance-on-the-teaching-excellence-framework-2023/, page 8.</u>

Help and queries

How to contact the TEF Team via the TEF Hub



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