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We were greatly saddened by the death of Hilary Parnall in April 2017.

Hilary joined the Accreditation UK Scheme as an inspector in 1988, and was Chief Inspector from 1994 to 2015.

## Annual report 2016-2017



# The year in brief



It has been a difficult year for the UK English language teaching sector, and the third in succession in which the total number of accredited centres has fallen. The number of centre closures was high for a second year but balanced by new accreditations. However, eight voluntary withdrawals from accreditation and a further ten withdrawals for failure to meet Scheme requirements took numbers down to 2011 levels.

The inspection schedule has reflected the changing market, with a significant shift towards summer inspections. More centres are offering courses for under 18s and an increasingly large proportion of the 2016–17 inspections had to take place in the summer. We have welcomed two new inspectors to the team this year as others have retired but it may be necessary to expand the team if this trend continues. Maintaining the right balance between inspector availability for the peak weeks and keeping the team small and standardised has always been a challenge.

The Executive Board has spent the year discussing the future development of the Scheme and renewal of the partnership agreement between the British Council and English UK. We welcomed English UK's new Chief Executive, Sarah Cooper, to the Board in August and extended the existing agreement so that more time could be devoted to reviewing the Scheme. In early 2017, consultation meetings with various groups informed a number of working parties looking at different aspects of the accreditation process and I am looking forward to launching the new 2018–19 Handbook later in the year.

Liz McLaren  
Manager Accreditation UK

# Inspections

Inspection type	Private	State	Totals
New applicant	21	2	23
Partial re-inspection (supplementary)	2	0	2
Re-inspection	90	12	102
Routine spot check	12	2	14
Other spot check/supplementary	58	5	63
Interim	18	5	23
Accommodation agency inspection	2	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>229</b>

Results of new inspections	Private	State	Totals
Accredit	18	2	20
Not accredit, offer supplementary	0	0	0
Not accredit	3	0	3
Accredit after partial re-inspection (supplementary)	2	0	2
Not accredit after partial re-inspection	0	0	0
Accommodation agency not register	2	0	2

Results of re-inspections	Private	State	Totals
Accredit	81	12	93
Under review	7	0	7
Withdraw accreditation	2	0	2

Results of spot checks and interims	Private			State			Totals
	Routine	Other	Interim	Routine	Other	Interim	
Continue/extend accreditation, NFA	7	31	13	2	3	3	59
Follow-up action required	4	19	5	0	0	2	30
Place accreditation under review	1	4	0	0	1	0	6
Withdraw accreditation	0	4	0	0	1	0	5

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Accredited providers  
1 April 2016



**527**

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31 March 2017