

The REF2014 was a national exercise to assess the quality of UK research in the period 2008 to 2013. It replaced the previous Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) process, and is used to:

- Inform the selective allocation of research funding to HEIs.
- Provide benchmarking information and establish reputational yardsticks.
- Provide accountability for public investment in research and demonstrate its benefits.

The [University of Cumbria REF Code of Practice](#) outlines how the University managed the process to select staff for the REF2014 submission in a transparent, consistent, accountable and inclusive way. It was accepted by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) in October 2012, without revision.

Research was considered by Unit of Assessment (UOA), with quality rating weighted by outputs (65%), impact (20%) and environment (15%), as shown in the table of quality profiles for all University of Cumbria submissions, below. (N.B. units submitted with 3 FTE or less did not receive sub-profiles for the three elements of assessment: outputs, impact and research environment). The University's results are also publically available on the [official REF2014 results website](#).

Unit of assessment name	Profile	FTE of staff submitted	Percentage of the submission meeting the standard for:				
			4*	3*	2*	1*	Unclassified
Allied health professions, dentistry, nursing & pharmacy	Overall	3.00	7	42	45	6	0
Geography, Environmental Studies And Archaeology	Overall	6.00	0	9	60	31	0
	Outputs	6.00	0.0	14.3	61.9	23.8	0.0
	Impact	6.00	0.0	0.0	60.0	40.0	0.0
	Environment	6.00	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0
Business and Management Studies	Overall	2.80	12	30	43	11	4
Education	Overall	4.72	0	23	52	23	2
	Outputs	4.72	0.0	29.4	64.7	5.9	0.0
	Impact	4.72	0.0	20.0	50.0	30.0	0.0
	Environment	4.72	0.0	0.0	0.0	87.5	12.5
Sport and Exercise Sciences, Leisure and Tourism	Overall	6.00	14	8	56	22	0
	Outputs	6.00	22.2	11.1	44.5	22.2	0.0
	Impact	6.00	0.0	0.0	80.0	20.0	0.0
	Environment	6.00	0.0	0.0	75.0	25.0	0.0
Art and Design: History, Practice and Theory	Overall	4.28	8	44	29	19	0
	Outputs	4.28	5.6	44.4	27.8	22.2	0.0
	Impact	4.28	20.0	70.0	10.0	0.0	0.0
	Environment	4.28	0.0	10.0	60.0	30.0	0.0
	Total FTE	26.80					