



Induction Best Practice Guide

HR People and Organisational Development

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Welcome from HR People and Organisational Development

Welcome and congratulations on your new role at our University. We believe a great induction should set the foundation of what you can expect from working here. During your first few weeks you will meet lots of people and hear new terminology. Please don't worry about remembering everything right away, just ask if anything isn't clear. You will find lots going on across our University, with regular updates being communicated to everyone. Look out for events and other things that might interest you.

This *Induction Best Practice Guide* is designed to help you settle into your new role as smoothly as possible and works along with *Your University Induction* and *Academic Induction* (for academic colleagues only).

Line Managers Preparation (Before your new colleague arrives).



- Familiarise yourself with the [Induction and Probation Procedures](#).
- Ensure IT equipment and login information has been requested.
- Reach out to your new colleague to arrange a start time and where to arrive.
- Create your detailed Service/School's 'Local' Induction Plan.
- Identify an Induction buddy or mentor.
- Plan for any relevant School/Service/Job Role training

Day 1 (Welcome & things to get you started).



- Meet the team(s).
- Take a quick building tour.
- Sort out a Staff ID card from CLS Library Services.
- Check any IT set up and complete [DSE checks](#).
- Diarise meetings, including induction review meetings and probation dates.
- Chat through the bespoke Service/School's 'Local' Induction Plan.
- Make time for reading, including any relevant policies and procedures for the role.

Within your first Month (Settling In).



- Meet the Induction buddy or mentor.
- Overview of job role, job description and key responsibilities.
- Discuss and agree probationary objectives for the role.
- Discuss the team priorities for the year including team and individual objectives.
- Book in future meetings with key people, Services and Departments.
- Start to complete [Mandatory eLearning Modules](#).
- Discuss expectations around the values, behaviours, and culture.
- You might find it useful to plan in daily/weekly reflection time.
- Learn about our [2025 University Strategy Map](#), and the KPIs that relate to your area.
- Familiarise yourself with the [Support for Students Mental Health](#) guidance, even though you may not be student facing, you may come across a student on campus that needs your help.
- Visit the University [StaffHub](#), which has all your up-to-date Huddersfield University news, and useful information.
- If you've been asked to enrol on a qualification as part of your job, now is the time to reach out to the relevant School for advice and guidance.
- Complete the first probation review.



When will you hear from People and Organisational Development next?

In around 3-months' time, we will send you a short online Induction & Settling In evaluation survey. We would really appreciate if you could complete this so we can use your feedback to either share best practice or make improvements.

Any Other Questions?

We hope that you have a fantastic induction experience and enjoy your time working at the University. If you have any questions, please get in touch through MS Teams or email: people@hud.ac.uk.



