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# Annual Monitoring for Educational Oversight

Free Church of Scotland t/a  
Edinburgh Theological  
Seminary

April 2026

# Annual Monitoring: Desk-based analysis of Free Church of Scotland t/a Edinburgh Theological Seminary, April 2026

## Outcome

1. From the annual return and documentary evidence, the monitoring team concludes that Free Church of Scotland t/a Edinburgh Theological Seminary is making **acceptable** progress on the implementation of their action plan.

## Monitoring summary

2 Edinburgh Theological Seminary continues to work effectively with the University of Glasgow to maintain academic standards and the quality of student learning opportunities since the Educational Oversight review of June 2025. No material changes have been identified, and student data figures show consistent levels of enrolment, with a strong recent intake and pattern of retention and completion.

3 The review of 2025 identified good practice (extensive and detailed engagement and collaboration with key stakeholders) and two recommendations for enhancement. The annual return describes further actions to enhance the area of good practice, and the associated action plan shows that that these have either been successfully implemented or are ongoing with implementation in the coming months. This includes affirmation by the Senate that it will continue to engage and collaborate with key stakeholders in order that the programme revisions are delivering the outcomes expected by stakeholders.

4 For Recommendation 1 (enhance the mechanisms to systematically record the actions and outcomes of monitoring and evaluation activities to ensure transparency and consistency), the necessary actions have been completed with a central log to record and track actions and outcomes from all monitoring and evaluation activities. A further action has initiated a process to report on external examiner recommendations at subsequent exam boards.

5 Recommendation 2 (clarify the process to deal with alleged cases of Academic Misconduct): the necessary action has been completed, and an Academic Misconduct Policy has been published that is now distinct from its wider Code of Student Conduct. The seminary has also introduced a new AI policy, consistent with that of its validating university.

6 In the commentary on the annual report and in the supporting evidence, there is clear evidence of effective quality assurance and enhancement activity. The partnership between the Seminary and the University is effective, and the Seminary continues to use its strong quality reporting mechanisms to monitor and enhance its provision.

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