
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Higher Education (Access and Participation Plans) (England) Regulations 2018

Content of plans

2.—(1) A plan relating to an institution must set out the objectives of the institution, determined by its governing body, relating to the promotion of equality of opportunity⁽¹⁾.

(2) A plan relating to an institution must include provisions requiring the governing body of the institution to do the following—

- (a) to take, or secure the taking of, the measures set out in the plan to attract an increased proportion of its total number of applications from prospective students who are members of groups which, at the time when the plan is approved, are under-represented in that institution or in higher education⁽²⁾;
- (b) to take, or secure the taking of, the measures set out in the plan to support successful participation in higher education by specified prospective students and students;
- (c) to provide, or secure the provision of, the bursaries and other forms of financial assistance set out in the plan to students undertaking a higher education course at the institution;
- (d) to make the arrangements set out in the plan to make available to students undertaking a higher education course at the institution and prospective students wishing to undertake such a course information about financial assistance available to them from any source;
- (e) to make the arrangements set out in the plan to make available to prospective students, before they commit themselves to undertake a higher education course at the institution, information about the aggregate amount of fees⁽³⁾ that the institution will charge for the completion of that course;
- (f) to monitor and evaluate, in the manner set out in the plan—
 - (i) its compliance with the provisions of the plan; and
 - (ii) its progress in achieving the objectives set out in the plan by virtue of paragraph (1); and
- (g) to provide the OfS with such information as it may reasonably require from time to time regarding the contribution that the institution has made towards furthering equality of opportunity.

(3) The measures referred to in paragraph (2)(b) may include the provision of appropriate assistance to students during higher education courses regarding the educational, employment or other opportunities that may be available during or after completion of those courses.

(1) “Equality of opportunity” is defined in section 32(5) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017.

(2) Section 32(5)(b) of the Higher Education Act 2017 provides that, for the purpose of that section 32, references to “higher education” do not include education provided by means of any postgraduate course other than a course of initial teacher training.

(3) “Fees” in relation to undertaking a course is defined in section 85(2) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017.

(4) In paragraph (2)(b) “specified prospective students and students” are prospective students and students who are members of groups which, at the time when the plan is approved, are under-represented amongst those who—

- (a) complete higher education courses at that institution or at registered higher education providers; or
- (b) otherwise participate successfully, in the view of the OfS, in higher education provided by that institution or by registered higher education providers.