



Higher Education and Research Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 29

PART 1

THE OFFICE FOR STUDENTS

The register of English higher education providers

3 The register

- (1) The OfS must establish and maintain a register of English higher education providers (referred to in this Part as “the register”).
- (2) The register may be divided by the OfS into different parts representing such different categories of registration as the OfS may determine.
- (3) The OfS must register an institution in the register (or, where it has been divided into parts, in a particular part of the register) if—
 - (a) its governing body applies for it to be registered in the register (or in that part),
 - (b) it is, or intends to become, an English higher education provider,
 - (c) it satisfies the initial registration conditions applicable to it in respect of the registration sought (see section 5), and
 - (d) the application complies with any requirements imposed under subsection (5).
- (4) The OfS may not otherwise register an institution in the register.
- (5) The OfS may determine—
 - (a) the form of an application for registration in the register (or in a particular part of the register),
 - (b) the information to be contained in it or provided with it, and
 - (c) the manner in which an application is to be submitted.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the information which must be contained in an institution's entry in the register.

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- (7) Once registered, an institution's ongoing registration is subject to satisfying—
- (a) the general ongoing registration conditions applicable to it at the time of its registration and as they may be later revised (see section 5), and
 - (b) the specific ongoing registration conditions (if any) imposed on it at the time of its registration and as they may be later varied (see section 6).
- (8) References in this Part to the ongoing registration conditions of an institution are to the conditions mentioned in subsection (7)(a) and (b).
- (9) The OfS must make the information contained in the register, and the information previously contained in it, publicly available by such means as it considers appropriate.
- (10) In this Part—
- (a) a “registered higher education provider” means an institution which is registered in the register, and
 - (b) references to “registration” are to be read accordingly.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 3(1) in force at 1.1.2018 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2017/1146, reg. 3\(2\)](#)
- I2** S. 3(1)(7) in force at 1.4.2018 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2018/241, reg. 2\(a\)](#)
- I3** S. 3(2)-(6)(9) in force at 1.4.2018 by [S.I. 2018/241, reg. 2\(a\)](#)
- I4** S. 3(7) in force at 1.1.2018 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2017/1146, reg. 3\(3\)](#)
- I5** S. 3(8)(10) in force at 1.1.2018 by [S.I. 2017/1146, reg. 2\(b\)](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. A1 inserted by [2023 c. 16 s. 1](#)
- s. A4 and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 16 s. 2](#)
- s. A5A6 and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 16 s. 3](#)
- s. A7 and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 16 s. 4](#)
- s. 2(1)(aa)(ab) inserted by [2023 c. 16 s. 5\(1\)](#)
- s. 2(7A) inserted by [2023 c. 16 Sch. para. 2\(3\)](#)
- s. 8A inserted by [2023 c. 16 s. 6](#)
- s. 9(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 21 s. 16\(2\)](#)
- s. 10(3A) inserted by [2023 c. 40 s. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 10(6A) inserted by [2023 c. 40 s. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 10(7A) inserted by [2023 c. 40 s. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 10(7B)(7C) inserted by [2023 c. 40 s. 1\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 11(1A)(1B) inserted by [2023 c. 40 s. 2\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 11(2)(2A) substituted for s. 11(2) by [2023 c. 40 s. 2\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 31(1)(1A) substituted for s. 31(1) by [2023 c. 40 s. 2\(4\)\(a\)](#)
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- s. 31(4) inserted by [2023 c. 40 s. 4\(4\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 67B(3A) inserted by [2023 c. 16 Sch. para. 5\(3\)](#)
- s. 67C(3) inserted by [2023 c. 16 Sch. para. 6](#)
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- s. 73(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 16 Sch. para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 73(4A) inserted by [2023 c. 16 Sch. para. 7\(6\)](#)
- s. 85(1A) inserted by [2022 c. 21 s. 16\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 119(2)(ha)(hb) inserted by [2023 c. 40 s. 2\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 5(4) inserted by [2023 c. 40 s. 2\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 1-1I substituted for Sch. 2 para. 1 by [2023 c. 40 s. 1\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 6A inserted by [2023 c. 16 s. 8\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 4(5) inserted by [2023 c. 16 Sch. para. 13\(6\)](#)