



# Higher Education and Research Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 29

### PART 1

#### THE OFFICE FOR STUDENTS

##### *Access and participation*

#### **31 Content of a plan: fees**

- (1) An access and participation plan relating to an institution must, in relation to each qualifying course in connection with which fees are to be payable to the institution by qualifying persons and in respect of each relevant academic year, specify or provide for the determination of a limit which those fees are not permitted to exceed.
- (2) The limit must not exceed—
  - (a) the higher amount, if the institution has a high level quality rating at the time the plan is approved, or
  - (b) in any other case, the sub-level amount.
- (3) In this section—
  - “the sub-level amount” means the amount determined from time to time under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 as the sub-level amount;
  - “high level quality rating” has the same meaning as in that paragraph;
  - “the higher amount” means the amount from time to time prescribed as the higher amount under that paragraph;
  - “qualifying course” and “qualifying person” have the same meaning as in section 10;
  - “relevant academic year”, in relation to a qualifying course, is an academic year—
    - (a) which is applicable to the course,
    - (b) in respect of which fees are payable to the institution, and
    - (c) which begins when the plan comes into force or while it is in force.