



University of London Act 1994

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An Act to make new provision for the making of statutes for the University of London; to repeal certain obsolete or unnecessary enactments; and for connected purposes. [3rd November 1994]

Whereas—

- (1) The University of London (hereinafter referred to as “the University”) was incorporated by Royal Charter on 28th November 1836 and the University is at present incorporated by Royal Charter granted on 6th January 1863:
- (2) The University of London Act 1898 provided for the making by Commissioners of new statutes for the University and such statutes were made in 1900:
- (3) In 1926 the report of the Departmental Committee appointed by minute of the former Board of Education dated 8th October 1924 (hereinafter referred to as “the Hilton Young Report”) recommended that the University should be accorded a substantial measure of financial control over the Schools of the University:
- (4) By the University of London Act 1926 (hereinafter referred to as “the 1926 Act”) Commissioners were appointed to make new statutes in general accordance with the recommendations of the Hilton Young Report:
- (5) The effect of the 1926 Act was that the statutes for the University could not be altered except in general accordance with the recommendations of the Hilton Young Report with the result that the precise power to make new statutes was both uncertain and unduly restrictive:
- (6) The University of London Act 1978 (hereinafter referred to as “the 1978 Act”) removed those uncertainties and restrictions and made fresh provision for the making of statutes by the body known as the Senate of the University:
- (7) Fundamental changes have since occurred in higher education in the United Kingdom. In June 1989 the Joint Planning Committee of the University established a Strategic Issues Group “to consider the strategy for the future organisation, operation and management of the University, with the objective of devolving, where appropriate, administrative processes to the Colleges (formerly known as Schools) of the University whilst retaining central management of functions which might most effectively be operated on a federal basis, including essential planning and resourcing functions”:

- (8) The Strategic Issues Group issued its report in April 1991, recommending changes designed to meet those objectives including the replacement of the Senate and the Court of the University by a single governing and executive body to be known as the Council of the University:
- (9) In accordance with section 5 of the 1978 Act statutes giving effect to the recommendations of the Strategic Issues Group have been made. These statutes were approved by Her Majesty in Council on 19th July 1994 and came into force on 1st September 1994:
- (10) It is necessary to make fresh provision for the making of any subsequent statutes as a result of the replacement of the Senate and the Court and it is expedient to simplify the procedure at present contained in the 1978 Act for approval of such statutes:
- (11) The remaining provisions of the 1978 Act are obsolete or otherwise unnecessary and it is therefore expedient that that Act should be repealed:
- (12) It is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act should be enacted:
- (13) The purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—