Higher Education Act 2004

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2 Condition A is that at any given time the scheme...

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3 (1) Condition B is that the scheme provides that every...

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6 Condition E is that the scheme provides that, in a...
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8 Condition G is that the scheme does not require complainants...
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10 (1) A scheme does not fail to meet the conditions...

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11 In this Schedule— “complainant” means the person making a qualifying...

Power to amend this Schedule

12 (1) Regulations may amend the preceding provisions of this Schedule....

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1 This Schedule sets out the duties referred to in section...

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2 The designated operator must provide a scheme for the review...

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3 The designated operator must publish the latest version of the...

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4 The designated operator must not make any change to a...

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5 The designated operator must comply with any requirements that the...

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6 (1) The designated operator must— (a) produce an annual report...

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8 The designated operator must provide the Secretary of State or...

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2 The designation is terminated if the designated operator and the...
3 In this case the designation is terminated on the date...

Notice given by the designated operator

4 (1) The designation is terminated if the designated operator gives...
5 In this case the designation is terminated on the date...

Notice given by Secretary of State or Assembly

6 (1) The designation is terminated if the Secretary of State...
7 In this case the designation is terminated on the date...

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8 The designation is terminated if the designated operator ceases to...
9 In this case the designation is terminated on the date...

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11 (1) Where this Part of this Schedule applies—

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13 (1) An agreement made under paragraph 2 may not be...
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3 There are to be paid to the Director such remuneration...

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4 (1) The Director may appoint such staff as he may...

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5 The Director and the Higher Education Funding Council for England...

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6 The Secretary of State may make payments to the Director....

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7 (1) The Director must provide to the Secretary of State,...

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8 (1) It is the duty of the Director—

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1 In Schedule 1 to the Public Records Act 1958 (definition...

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3 In Schedule 1 to the Superannuation Act 1972 (which lists...

House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 24)

4 In Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act...

Patents Act 1977 (c. 37)

5 In section 41 of the Patents Act 1977 (amount of...

Further Education Act 1985 (c. 47)

6 In section 2 of the Further Education Act 1985 (power...

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7 Omit section 26 of the 1998 Act (imposition of conditions...

8 In section 28 of the 1998 Act (interpretation of Chapter...

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