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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 70 (C. 5)**

**EDUCATION**

The Digital Economy Act 2017  
(Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2020

Made - - - - 28th January 2020

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 118(6) of the Digital Economy Act 2017<sup>(1)</sup>

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Digital Economy Act 2017 (Commencement No. 7) Regulations 2020.

**Commencement of section 114 of the Digital Economy Act 2017**

2. Section 114 (qualifications relating to information technology: payment of tuition fees) of the Digital Economy Act 2017 comes into force on 1st August 2020.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations bring into force section 114 (qualifications relating to information technology: payment of tuition fees) of the Digital Economy Act 2017 (c. 30) on 1st August 2020.

Section 114 amends section 88(1) of, and Schedule 5 to, the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22). The amended Act requires the Secretary of State to ensure that specified qualifications in information technology are free of charge, and provide facilities, for a person aged 19 or over, who does not already have the qualification in question or a comparable or higher level qualification, and who satisfies any conditions as may be specified in Regulations.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The following provisions of the Digital Economy Act 2017 have been brought into force by Commencement Regulations made before the date of these Regulations:

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| Section 4 (partially)             | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 4 (further purposes)      | 22nd November 2017          | <a href="#">2017/1136</a> |
| Section 4 (remaining purposes)    | 28th December 2017          | <a href="#">2017/1286</a> |
| Section 5                         | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 6                         | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 8                         | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 14 (partially)            | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 15 (partially)            | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 16                        | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 17                        | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 21(5) (partially)         | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 22 (partially)            | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 25                        | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 26(2)                     | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 27                        | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 30(1) and (2) (partially) | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 31 (partially)            | 30th June 2018              | <a href="#">2018/690</a>  |
| Section 32                        | 1st October 2017            | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |
| Section 33                        | 1st October 2017            | <a href="#">2017/765</a>  |

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| Section 34                      | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 35 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 35 (further purposes)   | 9th March 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 35 (further purposes)   | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 35 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 36 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 36 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 37                      | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 38 (partially)          | 9th March 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 38 (further purposes)   | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 38 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 39 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 39 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 40 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 40 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 41 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 41 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 42 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 42 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 43 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 43 (further purposes)   | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 44 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 44 (further purposes)   | 9th March 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 44 (further purposes)   | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 44 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 45 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 45 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 46 (partially)          | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 46 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 47 (partially)          | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 47 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 48 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 48 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 49 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |

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| Section 50 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 51 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 52 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 53 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 54 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 54 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 55 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 56 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 56 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 57 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 58 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 59 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 60 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 61 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 62 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 62 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 63 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 64 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 64 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 65 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 65 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 66 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 66 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 67 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 67 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 68 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 68 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 69 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 69 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 70 (partially)          | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 70 (further purposes)   | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 70 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 71 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 71 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |

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| Section 72 (partially)             | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 72 (remaining purposes)    | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 73 (partially)             | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 73 (remaining purposes)    | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 74                         | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 75 (partially)             | 1st April 2018              | 2018/342 (W. 62) |
| Section 76                         | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 77                         | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 78                         | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 79 (partially)             | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 79 (remaining purposes)    | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 80 (partially)             | 1st October 2017            | 2017/765         |
| Section 80 (remaining purposes)    | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 81 (partially)             | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 81 (remaining purposes)    | 1st May 2018                | 2018/382         |
| Section 87                         | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 92                         | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 93 (except subsection (3)) | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 95                         | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 98                         | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 100                        | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 101                        | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 102                        | 1st October 2018            | 2017/765         |
| Section 104                        | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 105 (partially)            | 6th April 2018              | 2018/382         |
| Section 106 (partially)            | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 108                        | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 109                        | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 110                        | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Section 111(8) and (9)             | 25th May 2018               | 2018/624         |
| Schedule 1 (partially)             | 31st July 2017              | 2017/765         |
| Schedule 1 (further purposes)      | 22nd November 2017          | 2017/1136        |
| Schedule 1 (remaining purposes)    | 28th December 2017          | 2017/1286        |
| Schedule 2                         | 28th December 2017          | 2017/1286        |

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| Schedule 3 (partially)          | 31st July 2017              | <a href="#">2017/765</a>         |
| Schedule 3 (remaining purposes) | 28th December 2017          | <a href="#">2017/1286</a>        |
| Schedule 4 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | <a href="#">2018/342 (W. 62)</a> |
| Schedule 4 (further purposes)   | 1st May 2018                | <a href="#">2018/382</a>         |
| Schedule 5                      | 1st May 2018                | <a href="#">2018/382</a>         |
| Schedule 6 (partially)          | 1st April 2018              | <a href="#">2018/342 (W. 62)</a> |
| Schedule 6 (remaining purposes) | 1st May 2018                | <a href="#">2018/382</a>         |
| Schedule 7 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | <a href="#">2018/382</a>         |
| Schedule 8 (partially)          | 1st May 2018                | <a href="#">2018/382</a>         |