

*These notes refer to the Education Act 2011 (c.21)
which received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011*

EDUCATION ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE ACT

Part 9: Student finance

42. This Part includes measures that form part of a package of higher education reforms announced in an oral statement in the House of Commons on 3 November 2010¹ and later refined in a written statement on 8 December 2010,² in response to the Browne Review.³ It will apply the tuition fees cap for full-time courses on a pro rata basis to part-time courses, and increases the cap on the interest rates that can be charged on new student loans.

¹ Higher Education Funding, 3 Nov 2010; Hansard: Column 924, available at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/>
² Higher Education Funding and Student Finance, 8 Dec 2010; Hansard: Column 19WS, available at <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/>
³ *Securing a Sustainable Future for Higher Education: An Independent Review of Higher Education Funding & Student Finance*, 12 October 2010, available at www.independent.gov.uk/browne-report