

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 6

Section 66

ENGLISH HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION: DESIGNATED BODY

PART 1

DESIGNATION

Consultation prior to recommendation

- 1 (1) The OfS may consult in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) about whether there is a body that is suitable to be designated under this Schedule.
- (2) The Secretary of State may direct the OfS to consult in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) about whether there is a body that is suitable to be designated under this Schedule.
- (3) The OfS consults in accordance with this sub-paragraph if it consults—
- (a) a number of registered higher education providers that, taken together, appear to the OfS to comprise a broad range of the different types of such providers,
 - (b) a number of persons that, taken together, appear to the OfS to represent, or promote the interests of, a broad range of students on higher education courses provided by registered higher education providers,
 - (c) a number of persons that, taken together, appear to the OfS to represent, or promote the interests of, a broad range of employers of graduates, and
 - (d) such other persons as the OfS considers appropriate.

Recommendation

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies where the OfS has consulted in accordance with paragraph 1.
- (2) The OfS must consider whether there is a body that is suitable to be designated under this Schedule.
- (3) If the OfS considers that there is only one body that is suitable to be designated under this Schedule, the OfS must recommend the designation of that body under this Schedule.
- (4) If the OfS considers that there is more than one body that is suitable to be designated under this Schedule, the OfS must recommend the designation under this Schedule of whichever one of those bodies it considers appropriate.
- (5) If the OfS considers that there is no body that is suitable to be designated under this Schedule, the OfS may not recommend the designation of a body under this Schedule.

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- (6) The OfS must—
- (a) notify the Secretary of State of its recommendation or that no recommendation is made, and
 - (b) publish that notification.

Designation

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- (1) This paragraph applies where, in accordance with paragraph 2 the OfS recommends the designation of a body (“the recommended body”) under this Schedule.
 - (2) The Secretary of State may designate the recommended body for the purposes of sections 64 and 65 only if the Secretary of State considers that the body is suitable to be designated under this Schedule.
 - (3) If the Secretary of State decides to designate the recommended body, the Secretary of State must—
 - (a) notify the body of the designation before the date on which the designation takes effect (“the effective date”), and
 - (b) publish notice of the designation before that date.
 - (4) The notice of the designation must state—
 - (a) the name of the body, and
 - (b) the effective date.
 - (5) If the Secretary of State decides not to designate the recommended body, the Secretary of State must publish the reasons for not doing so.

Bodies suitable to be designated under this Schedule

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- (1) A body is suitable to be designated under this Schedule if the body satisfies conditions A to D.
 - (2) Condition A is that the body is capable of performing the duties of the relevant body under sections 64(1) and 65(1) in an effective manner.
 - (3) Condition B is that—
 - (a) the persons who determine the strategic priorities of the body represent a broad range of registered higher education providers,
 - (b) the body commands the confidence of registered higher education providers, and
 - (c) the body exercises its functions independent of any particular higher education provider.
 - (4) Condition C is that the body consents to being designated under this Schedule.
 - (5) Condition D is that the body is a body corporate and is not—
 - (a) a servant or agent of the Crown, or
 - (b) a body to which the Secretary of State appoints members.

Removal of designation

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- (1) The Secretary of State may by notice remove a designation under this Schedule.

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- (2) The notice must—
 - (a) include reasons for the Secretary of State’s decision, and
 - (b) specify the date on which the designation is removed.
- (3) The Secretary of State may only remove the designation if—
 - (a) the Secretary of State is satisfied that removing the designation would be appropriate, or
 - (b) the designated body consents to the removal of the designation.
- (4) Before removing the designation the Secretary of State must consult—
 - (a) the OfS,
 - (b) a number of registered higher education providers that, taken together, appear to the Secretary of State to comprise a broad range of the different types of such providers,
 - (c) a number of persons that, taken together, appear to the Secretary of State to represent, or promote the interests of, a broad range of students on higher education courses provided by registered higher education providers,
 - (d) a number of persons that, taken together, appear to the Secretary of State to represent, or promote the interests of, a broad range of employers of graduates, and
 - (e) such other persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (5) In determining whether a designation under this Schedule should be removed, the Secretary of State must have regard to any relevant information that the OfS has provided to the Secretary of State.
- (6) The Secretary of State must publish a notice under this paragraph.

PART 2

OVERSIGHT BY THE OFS

Application

- 6 This Part applies if there is a body designated under this Schedule.

Oversight arrangements

- 7 The OfS must make arrangements for holding the designated body to account for the performance of its duties under sections 64(1) and 65(1).

Annual report by the designated body

- 8 (1) As soon as possible after the end of each annual reporting period, the designated body must prepare and send to the OfS a report about the performance of its duties under sections 64(1) and 65(1) during the period.
- (2) “Annual reporting period”, in relation to a designated body, means—
 - (a) the period of 12 months beginning with the effective date, and
 - (b) each successive period of 12 months.

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Triennial report by the OfS

- 9 (1) As soon as possible after the end of each triennial reporting period, the OfS must prepare and send to the Secretary of State a triennial report about—
- (a) how the designated body has performed its duties under sections 64(1) and 65(1) during the period,
 - (b) whether the designated body should continue to be designated under this Schedule,
 - (c) the appropriateness of any fees charged by the designated body under section 67, and
 - (d) any other matters that the OfS considers relevant.
- (2) In preparing a triennial report, the OfS must have regard to any views provided to the OfS by a person listed in sub-paragraph (3) about—
- (a) the matters listed in sub-paragraph (1)(a) to (c), and
 - (b) what other matters, if any, should be dealt with in the report.
- (3) Those persons are—
- (a) registered higher education providers,
 - (b) persons representing, or promoting the interests of, students on higher education courses provided by registered higher education providers,
 - (c) persons representing, or promoting the interests of, employers of graduates, and
 - (d) such other persons as the OfS considers appropriate.
- (4) “Triennial reporting period”, in relation to a designated body, means—
- (a) the period of 3 years beginning with the effective date, and
 - (b) each successive period of 3 years.

Duty of the OfS to inform the Secretary of State about significant concerns

- 10 The OfS must inform the Secretary of State if it has significant concerns about—
- (a) how the designated body is performing its duties under section 64(1) or 65(1), or
 - (b) the continued suitability of the designated body to be designated under this Schedule.

PART 3

INTERPRETATION

- 11 (1) In this Schedule—
- “designated body” means a body for the time being designated under this Schedule;
- “the effective date”, in relation to a designated body, has the meaning given in paragraph 3;
- “graduate” has the same meaning as in section 65.
- (2) References in this Schedule to a body that is suitable to be designated under this Schedule are to be read in accordance with paragraph 4.