

# Further and Higher Education Act 1992

## **1992 CHAPTER 13**

#### PART II

### HIGHER EDUCATION

The new funding councils

## **The Higher Education Funding Councils**

- (1) There shall be established—
  - (a) a body corporate to be known as the Higher Education Funding Council for England to exercise in relation to England the functions conferred on them, and
  - (b) a body corporate to be known as the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales to exercise in relation to Wales the functions conferred on them.
- (2) The Higher Education Funding Council for England shall consist of not less than twelve nor more than fifteen members appointed by the Secretary of State, of whom one shall be so appointed as chairman.
- (3) The Higher Education Funding Council for Wales shall consist of not less than eight nor more than twelve members appointed by the Secretary of State, of whom one shall be so appointed as chairman.
- (4) In appointing the members of a council the Secretary of State—
  - (a) shall have regard to the desirability of including persons who appear to him to have experience of, and to have shown capacity in, the provision of higher education or to have held, and to have shown capacity in, any position carrying responsibility for the provision of higher education and, in appointing such persons, he shall have regard to the desirability of their being currently engaged in the provision of higher education or in carrying responsibility for such provision, and

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- (b) shall have regard to the desirability of including persons who appear to him to have experience of, and to have shown capacity in, industrial, commercial or financial matters or the practice of any profession.
- (5) In this Part of this Act any reference to a council is to a higher education funding council.
- (6) In the Education Acts any reference to a higher education funding council—
  - (a) in relation to matters falling within the responsibility of the Higher Education Funding Council for England or to educational institutions in England, is to that council, and
  - (b) in relation to matters falling within the responsibility of the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales or to educational institutions in Wales, is to that council.
- (7) In this Part of this Act references to institutions in England or institutions in Wales—
  - (a) are to institutions whose activities are carried on, or principally carried on, in England or, as the case may be, Wales, but
  - (b) include, in both cases, the Open University.
- (8) Any dispute as to whether any functions are exercisable by one of the councils shall be determined by the Secretary of State.
- (9) Schedule 1 to this Act has effect with respect to each of the councils.