



Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992

1992 CHAPTER 37

PART II

HIGHER EDUCATION

Designated institutions

44 Designation of institutions

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order designate any institution providing higher education (whether or not it also provides education of any other kind or carries on any other activities) as an institution eligible to receive support from funds administered by the Council.
- (2) In this Part of this Act “designated institution” means an institution in relation to which a designation under this section has effect.
- (3) An order made under this section may make such amendments of the provisions of any subordinate legislation as appear to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient in consequence of such order being made.

45 Power of Privy Council in relation to designated institutions

- (1) The Privy Council may by order make such provision as regards designated institutions as is mentioned in this section.
- (2) An order of the Privy Council made under this section may—
 - (a) make provision with regard to the constitution of the governing body of any designated institution;
 - (b) prescribe the general functions to be discharged by the governing body, and confer on the governing body such powers as they may consider necessary or expedient for the efficient discharge of those functions; and

- (c) without prejudice to Part VI of the 1980 Act, revoke, amend or re-enact any provision of any endowment relating to any designated institution, and where an order under this section makes provision with regard to the constitution of the governing body of an institution as mentioned in paragraph (a) above if neither the institution nor the governing body is, immediately before the order is made, a body corporate, the governing body of the institution shall, by virtue of this subsection, be a body corporate.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2) above, an order made under this section may—
- (a) prescribe the administrative and other arrangements to be adopted by the governing body for the purpose of discharging its functions and in particular provide for the delegation of such of its functions as may be prescribed in the order to persons or bodies of persons to be appointed in such manner as may be so prescribed;
 - (b) provide for the appointment, remuneration, discipline and dismissal by the governing body of administrative, teaching and other staff, and for the payment by the governing body of pensions, allowances or gratuities to or in respect of members of such staff on their death or retirement;
 - (c) prescribe the procedure to be followed in cases of alleged breaches of discipline by students in attendance at any such institution;
 - (d) provide for the constitution of bodies representative of students in attendance at such institutions and confer on any such bodies such functions as may be prescribed in the order; and
 - (e) provide for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (e) of section 105(1) of the 1980 Act.
- (4) An order made under this section may authorise the governing body to make rules regulating its own procedures and the conduct of the designated institution.
- (5) An order made under this section may amend, vary, repeal or revoke the provisions of—
- (a) any regulations made under section 77 of the 1980 Act relating to a designated institution as regards which the order is made; and
 - (b) any enactment (including an enactment contained in a subordinate instrument), any scheme, articles of association, trust deed or other instrument relating to the institution,
- to the extent that any such provision appears to the Privy Council to be inconsistent with the order.
- (6) An order made under this section may contain such incidental, supplementary and consequential provision as appears to the Privy Council to be necessary or expedient.
- (7) This section shall apply to a designated institution notwithstanding that its name includes, by virtue of section 49 of this Act, the word “university”.

46 Establishment of new institutions by the Secretary of State

The Secretary of State may by order establish institutions for the provision of any form of higher education.

47 Closure of institutions

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in any enactment (including an enactment contained in a subordinate instrument), the Secretary of State may by order close any designated institution and wind-up the governing body of such institution.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) above may include provision—
 - (a) for the property, rights, liabilities and obligations of the institution to transfer to and vest in—
 - (i) the Secretary of State; or
 - (ii) such other person as may be specified in the order;
 - (b) for the transfer of the staff of the institution to such other institution in Scotland as the Secretary of State may prescribe, being an institution providing any form of higher education;
 - (c) for the payment by the Secretary of State of any expenses incurred in the closure and winding-up;
 - (d) imposing on the governing body of the institution such additional powers and duties in relation to the closure and winding-up as the Secretary of State considers appropriate;
 - (e) for the appointment of a person to administer the closure and winding-up, and a person so appointed shall have such powers and duties as appear to the Secretary of State necessary or expedient for such purposes and as are specified in the order;
 - (f) of such incidental, supplementary, transitional or ancillary nature as appears to the Secretary of State to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the closure and winding-up.
- (3) Any property transferred by virtue of an order under subsection (1) above shall remain subject to any trust or condition (whether contained in a scheme made or approved under Part VI of the 1980 Act or otherwise) to which it was subject immediately before such transfer.
- (4) An order under this section may amend, vary, repeal or revoke the provisions of—
 - (a) any regulations made under section 77 of the 1980 Act relating to a designated institution as regards which the order has been made; and
 - (b) any enactment (including an enactment contained in a subordinate instrument), any scheme, articles of association, trust deed or other instrument relating to the institution,to the extent that any such provision appears to the Secretary of State to be inconsistent with the order.
- (5) An order under subsection (1) above shall not be made unless the Secretary of State has consulted—
 - (a) the Council; and
 - (b) the governing body of the institution proposed to be closed.
- (6) When the winding-up of the governing body of an institution under this section is completed the Secretary of State shall by order dissolve the governing body of that institution.
- (7) In this section references to the closure of a designated institution include references to the institution being merged with one or more other designated institutions; and

different provision may be made under this section as regards different institutions to be merged with one another.

48 Power to award degrees etc

- (1) The Privy Council may by order specify any institution within the higher education sector as competent to grant such awards and distinctions in pursuance of this section as they may specify.
- (2) An institution for the time being specified in such an order may grant a degree, diploma, certificate or other academic award or distinction to any person who—
 - (a) completes, on or after the date specified in the order, an appropriate course of study or programme of supervised research; and
 - (b) passes an appropriate examination or demonstrates by such other means as the institution may determine the attainment of such standards as the institution may determine.
- (3) An institution specified in such an order may—
 - (a) grant honorary degrees; and
 - (b) grant degrees to members of the academic and other staff of the institution.
- (4) Any power conferred on an institution by this section to grant awards and distinctions includes power—
 - (a) to do so jointly with another institution (whether or not such institution is specified in an order under subsection (1) above);
 - (b) to authorise other institutions to do so on behalf of the institution; and
 - (c) to deprive any person of any award or distinction granted to him by or on behalf of the institution in pursuance of this section (or, in the case of an award granted to him by the institution and another institution jointly, to do so jointly with the other institution).
- (5) It shall be for the institution to determine in accordance with any relevant provisions of the instruments relating to or regulating the institution—
 - (a) the courses of study or programmes of research, and the examinations or other means of demonstrating attainment of standards, which are appropriate for the grant of any award or distinction and the other terms and conditions on which any grant may be made in pursuance of this section by or on behalf of the institution; and
 - (b) the terms and conditions on which the institution may deprive any person of any award or distinction granted to him by or on behalf of the institution in pursuance of this section.
- (6) A determination made under subsection (5)(b) above shall, as regards an award or distinction granted jointly with another institution, be made jointly with that other institution.

49 Change of name by institutions

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, the governing body of a designated institution may, with the consent of the Privy Council, change the name of the institution or of its governing body.

- (2) Where, as regards a designated institution, there is in any enactment (including an enactment contained in a subordinate instrument) or any other document having legal effect any express prohibition or restriction on the power of the governing body to change the name of the institution or governing body, nothing in subsection (1) above shall empower a governing body to change the name of an institution or its governing body without complying with any requirement of such enactment or other document as to such change of name.
- (3) Where any power is exercised under this section to change the name of a designated institution or of its governing body, the Privy Council shall have regard to the need to avoid any name which would be capable of causing confusion with the name of any other institution in the higher education sector.
- (4) This section is without prejudice to any other power to change the name of a designated institution or its governing body.
- (5) Nothing in this section or in any other power to change the name of a designated institution or of its governing body shall authorise the inclusion of the word “university” in the name of the institution or its governing body unless the consent of the Privy Council is given to such inclusion.