



# Higher Education and Research Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 29

### PART 1

#### THE OFFICE FOR STUDENTS

##### *Access and participation*

#### **29 Power to approve an access and participation plan**

- (1) The governing body of an institution may apply to the OfS for the OfS's approval of a proposed access and participation plan relating to the institution for the purposes of satisfying an access and participation plan condition.
- (2) An access and participation plan is a plan that complies with sections 30 to 32.
- (3) The OfS may, if it thinks fit, approve the plan.
- (4) The OfS may issue guidance as to the matters to which the OfS will have regard in deciding whether to approve plans.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the procedure to be followed in connection with the giving of approval under this section.
- (6) The regulations may, in particular, specify matters to which the OfS is, or is not, to have regard in making any determination relating to approval.
- (7) The regulations may require the institution to which any plan approved under this section relates to publish the plan in the manner prescribed by the regulations.