



# Higher Education and Research Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 29

### PART 1

#### THE OFFICE FOR STUDENTS

##### *Powers to grant degrees etc*

#### **50 Validation by authorised providers**

- (1) The OfS may enter into arrangements (“commissioning arrangements”) with an authorised registered higher education provider requiring the provider to offer to enter into validation arrangements in respect of—
  - (a) all the taught awards that the provider is authorised to grant, or
  - (b) such of those taught awards as are specified in the commissioning arrangements or are of a description so specified.
- (2) Commissioning arrangements may require a provider to offer to enter into validation arrangements subject to conditions specified by the OfS.
- (3) Commissioning arrangements may not require a provider to offer to enter into validation arrangements that the provider is not authorised to enter into.
- (4) In this section, “validation arrangements” means arrangements between one registered higher education provider and another registered higher education provider under which the first provider—
  - (a) grants a taught award to a person who is a student at the other provider, or
  - (b) authorises the other provider to grant a taught award on behalf of the first provider.
- (5) In this section, “authorised”, in relation to a registered higher education provider, means authorised to grant taught awards, and to enter into validation arrangements, by—
  - (a) an authorisation given—
    - (i) under section 42(1),

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- (ii) by or under any other provision of an Act of Parliament, or
  - (iii) by Royal Charter, or
- (b) an authorisation varied under section 45(1).