



Higher Education and Research Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 29

PART 1

THE OFFICE FOR STUDENTS

Powers to grant degrees etc

53 Unrecognised degrees

- (1) Section 214 of the Education Reform Act 1988 (unrecognised degrees) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (2), before paragraph (a) insert—
 - “(za) an award granted or to be granted by a university, college or other body which it is authorised to grant by—
 - (i) an authorisation given under section 42(1) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (“the 2017 Act”),
 - (ii) an authorisation varied under section 45(1) of the 2017 Act, or
 - (iii) regulations under section 51(1) of the 2017 Act;
 - (zb) an award granted or to be granted by a body for the time being permitted by a body falling within paragraph (za) to act on its behalf in the granting of that award where the grant of that award by that other body on its behalf is authorised by—
 - (i) the authorisation mentioned in paragraph (za), or
 - (ii) regulations under section 51(1) of the 2017 Act;”.
- (3) In subsection (2)(a), after “Act of Parliament” insert “(other than section 42(1), 45(1) or 51(1) of the 2017 Act)”.
- (4) In subsection (2)(c), for “Secretary of State” substitute “appropriate authority”.
- (5) After subsection (9) insert—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

“(9ZA) For the purposes of this section as it extends to England and Wales, “the appropriate authority” means—

- (a) so far as the power to make an order under subsection (2)(c) is exercisable in relation to England, the Office for Students, and
- (b) so far as the power to make an order under that provision is exercisable in relation to Wales, the Welsh Ministers.”

(6) In subsection (9A)—

- (a) for “and section 215, as they extend” substitute “as it extends”, and
- (b) for “the reference to the Secretary of State is to be read as a reference to” substitute ““the appropriate authority” means”.

(7) In subsection (10)(a)—

- (a) for “means” substitute “—
 - (i) means”, and
- (b) after “outside the United Kingdom” insert “, and
 - (ii) includes the Office for Students”.