

Regulator: The Office for Students

Business Impact Target Reporting period covered: 9 June 2017 – 20 June 2018

Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available**
<p>Measures certified as being below <i>de minimis</i> (measures with an EANDCB below +/- £5 million)</p>	<p>The regulatory framework for higher education in England (OfS 2018.01) sets out in full the OfS's approach to registration and regulation. (The Department for Education undertook the business impact assessment for this framework RPC DfE 4184).</p> <p>Regulatory notices: these are issued to providers and amend the regulatory framework. Between 1 January 2018 (when the OfS was legally established) to 20 June 2018 the OfS issued four notices. One notice concerned access and participation plans for academic year 2019-20 while others concerned arrangements during the transition period to 31 July 2019 (which is when the full powers of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 come into force).</p> <p>Regulatory guidance: Guidance helps providers to understand and meet our requirements. These do not form part of the regulatory framework. In this reporting period the OfS issued eight guidance publications which were mainly associated with the regulatory notices above.</p> <p>The OfS received and considered 14 notifications during this period.</p>
<p>EU Regulations, Decisions and Directives and other international obligations, including the implementation of the EU Withdrawal Bill and EU Withdrawal Agreement</p>	<p>Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.</p>
<p>Measures certified as concerning EU Withdrawal Bill operability measures</p>	<p>Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.</p>
<p>Pro-competition</p>	<p>Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.</p>
<p>Systemic Financial Risk</p>	<p>Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.</p>

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Civil Emergencies	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Fines and Penalties	Access agreements: In May 2018 the OfS fined one provider for a major breach.
Misuse of Drugs	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Measures certified as relating to the safety of tenants, residents and occupants in response to the Grenfell tragedy	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Casework	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Education, communications and promotion	Consistent with our strategy to enable providers to comply with the regulatory framework, we undertake presentations, organise webinars and we communicate on specific topics. Attendance at events and participation in our online webinars is not mandatory.
Activity related to policy development	We undertake data analysis, and commission and publish independent research to inform our decision making, and for transparency purposes, as publication of comparative data can lead providers to change behaviours.
Changes to management of regulator	The Office for Students was established during this period. Appointments made during this period included the chief executive, directors, and board and committee members.

* For detailed guidance on the exclusion categories, please see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-regulation-framework>

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