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Other amendments to the regulatory framework

The Office for Students (OfS) published new ongoing condition of registration E10 and related changes on 12 March 2026.¹

In our consultation on these changes, we signalled our intention to make consequential amendments to the guidance in the regulatory framework (version published in November 2024²) to reflect final decisions on these changes. This document sets out these consequential amendments.

The consequential amendments form part of the regulatory framework and therefore constitute material published by the OfS under section 75 of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017. The amendments should be read in conjunction with the whole regulatory framework.

The guidance set out in the regulatory framework is amended as follows:

a. Guidance on providers in subcontractual arrangements

Amend paragraph 66A to read as follows (new wording underlined):

For the avoidance of doubt, the guidance about subcontractual arrangements in this section is subject to the effect of any condition of registration, including ongoing condition of registration E10 (which sets out requirements for lead providers with ‘relevant subcontractual arrangements’ (as defined by condition E10) within scope of condition E10).

b. New ongoing condition E10

Add the following condition and associated guidance to the Regulatory Framework:

[Condition E10: Subcontracting](#)

¹ see [Consultation outcomes: New requirements for the oversight of subcontractual arrangements in English higher education - Office for Students and Condition E10: Subcontracting](#)

² see [Regulatory framework for higher education in England - Office for Students](#)

c. Annex A: Initial and general ongoing conditions of registration

Add the following row to the table at 'Annex A: Initial and general ongoing conditions of registration' (new wording underlined):

<u>Condition E10</u>	<u>The provider must effectively identify and address risks to students and taxpayers posed by its relevant subcontractual arrangements.</u> <u>The provider must maintain a single subcontractual information source (SIS) which sets out policies, procedures and other provisions relating to its relevant subcontractual arrangements and which complies with certain minimum content requirements (set out in the OfS's publication 'Subcontracting information source minimum content requirements') and content principles.</u> <u>The provider must operate in accordance with its SIS, including by ensuring that the terms and conditions of any new contracts enable it to operate in accordance with the SIS.</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>✓</u>	<u>✓</u>
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d. Glossary

Add the following footnote to the glossary after 'Delivery partner':

Note that the terms 'delivery provider' and 'delivery partner' (used interchangeably) are used in condition E10 guidance with a different definition: see Condition E10: Subcontracting.

Add the following footnote to the glossary after 'Lead provider':

Note that this term is used in condition E10 guidance with a different definition: see Condition E10: Subcontracting.

Add the following footnote to the glossary after 'Subcontractual arrangement':

Note that the term 'relevant subcontractual arrangement' is used in condition E10 and related guidance with a different definition: see Condition E10: Subcontracting.