

Regulatory case report: Oxford Business College withdraws application to register with the Office for Students

Oxford Business College (OBC) withdrew its application for registration with the Office for Students (OfS) on 26 March 2025.

This statement summarises allegations we received about OBC during our assessment of its registration application. We have published this summary to be transparent with the public about the status of registration applications and how we treat certain allegations in the context of assessing registration applications.

Over the course of the registration application process, we received a number of allegations of concerns about OBC from the Department for Education, the Student Loans Company, third party organisations, individuals and other higher education providers for which OBC delivered higher education.

The allegations can be broadly summarised as potential concerns that relate to:

- the authenticity of OBC students and their intention to study and complete their course
- students lacking a required level of English language on entry to their course
- student attendance, including minimal attendance or complete non-attendance
- the academic misconduct of some students
- the management and governance of OBC including, but not limited to, student recruitment, assessment, student attendance records and the management of tuition fees.

The allegations raised significant concerns about OBC's ability to meet our conditions of registration, in particular in relation to quality and standards, and management and governance. We were in the process of making further enquiries into the allegations, as part of the process of gathering and assessing information relating to whether OBC satisfied our initial conditions of registration. The OfS's enquiries were not complete when OBC withdrew its application and we had not made any regulatory findings.

We accepted OBC's request to withdraw its application, and closed the case on 28 March 2025.