

Regulator: The Office for Students

Business Impact Target reporting period covered: 17 December 2020 – 16 December 2021

Excluded category*	Summary of activity
<p>Measures certified as being below <i>de minimis</i> (measures with an equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB) below +/- £5 million)</p>	<p>Regulatory notices: In this period the OfS introduced an ongoing condition of registration to enable the OfS to intervene more quickly and in a targeted way when we consider there to be a material risk that a registered provider may cease the provision of higher education. The condition applies from 1 April 2021 to all providers registered with the OfS, except Further Education Bodies (as defined in section 4 of the Technical and Further Education Act 2017).</p> <p>Regulatory guidance: Guidance which helps providers to understand and meet our requirements. These do not form part of the regulatory framework.</p> <p>The OfS published new guidance documents dealing with advice about notifications about third parties, the OfS's approach to determining the amount of a monetary penalty, and updated guidance for registered providers about the events or matters they are required to report to the Office for Students (OfS) to inform the OfS's risk-based approach to monitoring. This guidance on reportable events sets out the way in which we are delivering in practice on our commitment that providers that do not pose specific increased risk should experience less regulatory burden.</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>

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Systemic Financial Risk	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Civil Emergencies	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Fines and Penalties	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
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	Notifications: the OfS receives, assesses and, where appropriate, investigates notifications made about a provider that the OfS regulates to ensure that they comply with the ongoing conditions of registration.
Education, communications and promotion	Consistent with our strategy to enable providers to comply with the regulatory framework, the OfS undertakes presentations, organises webinars and communicates on specific topics. Attendance at events and participation in online webinars is not mandatory.
Activity related to policy development	The OfS undertakes data analysis, and commissions and publishes independent research to inform our decision making, and for transparency purposes.
Changes to management of regulator	The term of office of the new chair of the OfS board, James Wharton, also known as Lord Wharton of Yarm, began on 1 April 2021 replacing Sir Michael Barber, the outgoing chair.

* For detailed guidance on the exclusion categories, please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-regulation-framework>