



Higher Education Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 8

An Act to make provision about research in the arts and humanities and about complaints by students against institutions providing higher education; to make provision about fees payable by students in higher education; to provide for the appointment of a Director of Fair Access to Higher Education; to make provision about grants and loans to students in higher or further education; to limit the jurisdiction of visitors of institutions providing higher education; and for connected purposes. [1st July 2004]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act applied (1.4.2005) by [Central Sussex College \(Government\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/397\)](#), reg. 1, [Sch. 2 para. 2](#)
- C2 Act modified (7.4.2005) by [Education Act 2005 \(c. 18\)](#), [ss. 96\(2\)](#), 125(1)(b)
- C3 Act Education Acts modified (temp.) (1.4.2007) by [Education and Inspections Act 2006 \(c. 40\)](#), s. 188(3), [Sch. 6 para. 3\(3\)](#); S.I. 2007/935, art. 5(bb)

Changes to legislation:

Higher Education Act 2004, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 February 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 11(1) s. 11 renumbered as s. 11(1) by [2022 asc 1 s. 128\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 11(1)(a) words substituted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 16\(2\)](#)
- s. 11(2)-(5) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 128\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 12(2A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 128\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 3(2)(d) inserted by [2023 c. 16 Sch. para. 19](#)