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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 12

#### FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION EXCEPTIONS

#### PART 2

#### OTHER EXCEPTIONS

##### *Institutions with a religious ethos*

- 5 (1) The responsible body of an institution which is designated for the purposes of this paragraph does not contravene section 91(1), so far as relating to religion or belief, if, in the admission of students to a course at the institution—
- (a) it gives preference to persons of a particular religion or belief,
  - (b) it does so to preserve the institution's religious ethos, and
  - (c) the course is not a course of vocational training.
- (2) A Minister of the Crown may by order designate an institution if satisfied that the institution has a religious ethos.

#### Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 12 para. 5 wholly in force; para. 5 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 216; para. 5 in force for certain purposes at 6.7.2010 by S.I. 2010/1736, art. 2, Sch.; Sch. 12 in force at 1.10.2010 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2010/2317, art. 2(1)(6)(h) (with art. 15)

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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. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)