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**The Higher Education (Prescribed Higher Education Providers,
Qualifying Courses and Persons) (England) Regulations 2017**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	***
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		***
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	***

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 11(1), (4)(b) and (6) and 115(3) and 115(5)(d) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017(a), makes the following Regulations.

Citation, commencement and application

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Higher Education (Prescribed Higher Education Providers, Qualifying Courses and Persons) (England) Regulations 2017 and come into force on ***.

(2) These Regulations apply to England.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

- (a) “the Act” means the Higher Education and Research Act 2017;
- (b) “academic year” means the period of twelve months beginning on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July or 1st September of the calendar year in which the academic year of the course in question begins according to whether that academic year begins on or after 1st January and before 1st April, on or after 1st April and before 1st July, on or after 1st July and before 1st August or on or after 1st August and on or before 31st December, respectively;
- (c) “single course” means a course to which regulation 5(8) of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011(b) applies and which falls within the description of a course in that regulation.

Revocation

3. The Student Fees (Qualifying Courses and Persons) (England) Regulations 2007 are revoked(c).

(a) Year/number to be inserted
(b) S.I. 2011/1986
(c) S.I. 2007/778

Prescribed higher education provider

4. A registered higher education provider registered in the ‘Approved (fee cap)’ part of the register as determined by the OfS under section 4(2) of the Act is prescribed for the purposes of section 11(1) of the Act.

Qualifying Persons

5. Regulations 6 to 8 make provision regarding who is a qualifying person for the purposes of section 11(4) of the Act.

Qualifying person: schedule

6. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulation 7, a qualifying person is a person who falls within any category of person described in the Schedule to these Regulations on the first day of an academic year which begins during a payment period.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a person ineligible for support by reason of regulations 4(3)(c), (d), (e), (f) or (g), 137(3) and 137(4) of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011.

(3) In this regulation “payment period” means the period in respect of which a grant, loan or other payment is made under section 38 of the Act to a particular registered higher education provider prescribed by regulation 4.

Qualifying person: qualifications

7. (1) A person is not a qualifying person if—

- (a) the person holds a higher education qualification; and
- (b) the qualifying course leads to a qualification which is an equivalent or lower qualification.

(2) But paragraph (1) does not apply—

- (a) where—
 - (i) the qualifying course is a course for the initial training of teachers (including such a course leading to a first degree);
 - (ii) for a full-time course the duration does not exceed two years and for a part-time course the duration does not exceed four year; and
 - (iii) the qualifying person is not a qualified teacher; or
- (b) in respect of any part of a single course where—
 - (i) the single course leads to an honours degree being conferred on the qualifying person from an institution in the United Kingdom before the final degree or equivalent qualification; and
 - (ii) the qualifying person only has an honours degree which was received as part of that single course; or
- (c) where the qualifying course is a foundation degree.

(3) In this regulation—

- (a) “equivalent or lower qualification” has the meaning given in regulation 2 of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011; and
- (b) “qualified teacher” has the meaning given in section 132(1) of the Education Act 2002(a) but does not include a person who—

(a) 2002 (c.32)

- (i) is a qualified teacher by virtue of paragraph 13B of Schedule 2 to the Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003(a) ("the 2003 Regulations"); and
- (ii) has not been assessed by an accredited institution with the meaning of regulation 11 of the 2003 Regulations as meeting the specified standards within the meaning of paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the 2003 Regulations.

Qualifying person: effect of event during academic year

8.—(1) Where an event occurs in the course of an academic year which results in a person falling within the Schedule in the course of an academic year, that person is not a qualifying person in respect of the academic year in which the event occurred or any previous academic year.

(2) The events are—

- (a) the student's course becomes a designated course;
- (b) the student or the student's spouse, civil partner or parent is recognised as a refugee or becomes a person granted humanitarian protection;
- (c) a state accedes to the EU where the student is a national of that state or a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) of a national of that state;
- (d) the student becomes a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) of an EU national;
- (e) the student acquires the right of permanent residence;
- (f) the student becomes the child of a Turkish worker;
- (g) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 1; or
- (h) the student becomes the child of a Swiss national.

Qualifying course

9. (1) For the purposes of section 11(6) of the Act, but subject to paragraph (2), a qualifying course is a course of higher education which—

- (a) is designated for the purposes of section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998(b) on the first day of an academic year which begins during the grant period; and
- (b) is provided by an institution whose activities are wholly or principally carried on in England.

(2) A course is not a qualifying course if at the time the qualifying person received an offer of a place on the course that the institution was providing, that course was not within the Approved (fee cap) part of the register as determined by the OfS under section 4(2) of the Act.

(a) S.I. 2003/1662
 (b) 1998 c.30; section 22 as amended

SCHEDULE

Interpretation: General

1. (1) In this Schedule—

“Directive 2004/38” means Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29th April 2004 on the rights of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely in the territory of the Member States;

“EEA Agreement” means the European Economic Area Agreement signed at Porto on 2 May 1992 and which came into force on 1 January 1994 ;

“EEA frontier self-employed person” means an EEA national who—

- (a) is a self-employed person in the United Kingdom; and
- (b) resides in Switzerland or the territory of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom and returns to his residence in Switzerland or that EEA State daily or at least once a week;

“EEA frontier worker” means an EEA national who—

- (a) is a worker in the United Kingdom; and
- (b) resides in Switzerland or the territory of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom and returns to his residence in Switzerland or that EEA State daily or at least once a week;

“EEA migrant worker” means an EEA national who is a worker, other than an EEA frontier worker, in the United Kingdom;

“EEA national” means a national of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom;

“EEA self-employed person” means an EEA national who is a self-employed person, other than an EEA frontier self-employed person, in the United Kingdom;

“employed person” means an employed person with the meaning of Annex 1 to the Swiss Agreement;

“employment” means full-time or part-time employment;

“EU national” means a national of a Member State of the European Union;

“European Community” means the territory comprised by the Member States of the European Community as constituted from time to time;

“European Economic Area” means the area comprised by the EEA States;

“family member” means—

- (a) in relation to an EEA frontier worker, an EEA migrant worker, an EEA frontier self-employed person or an EEA self-employed person—
 - (i) his spouse or civil partner;
 - (ii) direct descendants of the person or of the person's spouse or civil partner who are—
 - (aa) under the age of 21; or
 - (bb) dependents of the person or the person's spouse or civil partner; or
 - (iii) dependent direct relatives in his ascending line or that of his spouse or civil partner;
- (b) in relation to a Swiss employed person, a Swiss frontier employed person, a Swiss frontier self-employed person or a Swiss self-employed person—
 - (i) his spouse or civil partner; or
 - (ii) his child or the child of his spouse or civil partner;
- (c) in relation to an EU national who falls within Article 7(1)(c) of Directive 2004/38—

- (i) his spouse or civil partner; or
- (ii) direct descendants of his or of his spouse or civil partner who are—
 - (aa) under the age of 21; or
 - (bb) dependants of his or his spouse or civil partner;
- (d) in relation to an EU national who falls within Article 7(1)(b) of Directive 2004/38—
 - (i) his spouse or civil partner;
 - (ii) direct descendants of his or of his spouse or civil partner who are—
 - (aa) under the age of 21; or
 - (bb) dependants of his or his spouse or civil partner; or
 - (iii) dependent direct relatives in his ascending line or that of his spouse or civil partner;
- (e) in relation to a United Kingdom national, for the purposes of paragraph 9—
 - (i) his spouse or civil partner; or
 - (ii) direct descendants of his or of his spouse or civil partner who are—
 - (aa) under the age of 21; or
 - (bb) dependants of his or his spouse or civil partner.

“the Islands” means the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;

“overseas territories” means Anguilla; Aruba; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; British Indian Ocean Territory; British Virgin Islands; Cayman Islands; Falkland Islands; Faroe Islands; French Polynesia; French Southern and Antarctic Territories; Mayotte; Greenland; Montserrat; Netherlands Antilles (Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten); Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie & Oeno Islands; South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands; St-Barthélemy; St Helena and Dependencies (Ascension Island and Tristan de Cunha); St Pierre et Miquelon; the Territory of New Caledonia and Dependencies; Turks and Caicos Islands and Wallis and Futuna;

“right of permanent residence” means a right arising under Directive 2004/38 to reside in the United Kingdom permanently without restriction;

“self-employed person” means—

- (a) in relation to an EEA national, a person who is self-employed within the meaning of Article 7 of Directive 2004/38 or the EEA Agreement, as the case may be; or
- (b) in relation to a Swiss national, a person who is a self-employed person within the meaning of Annex 1 to the Swiss Agreement;

“settled” has the meaning given by section 33(2A) of the Immigration Act 1971(a);

“Swiss Agreement” means the Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the Free Movement of Persons signed at Luxembourg on 21st June 1999 and which came into force on 1st June 2002(b);

“Swiss employed person” means a Swiss national who is an employed person, other than a Swiss frontier employed person, in the United Kingdom;

“Swiss frontier employed person” means a Swiss national who—

- (a) is an employed person in the United Kingdom; and
- (b) resides in Switzerland or in the territory of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom and returns to his residence in Switzerland or that EEA State daily or at least once a week;

“Swiss frontier self-employed person” means a Swiss national who—

(a) insert footnote
 (b) Cm. 4904.

- (a) is a self-employed person in the United Kingdom; and
- (b) resides in Switzerland or in the territory of an EEA State other than the United Kingdom and returns to his residence in Switzerland or that EEA State daily or at least once a week;

“Swiss self-employed person” means a Swiss national who is a self-employed person, other than a Swiss frontier self-employed person, in the United Kingdom; and

“worker” means a worker within the meaning of Article 7 of Directive 2004/38 or the EEA Agreement as the case may be.

(2) In this Schedule, an area which—

- (a) was previously not part of the European Community or the European Economic Area; but
- (b) at any time before or after these Regulations come into force has become part of one or the other or both of these areas,

is to be considered to have always been a part of the European Economic Area.

Interpretation: ordinarily resident

2. (1) This paragraph applies for the purposes of this Schedule to determine whether a person is to be treated as ordinarily resident in a given place.

(2) A person (“A”) is to be treated as ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, the United Kingdom and Islands, in the territory comprising the European Economic Area and Switzerland, in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the overseas territories, or in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Turkey and the overseas territories if A would have been so resident but for the fact that—

- (a) A;
- (b) A’s spouse or civil partner;
- (c) A’s parent; or
- (d) in the case of dependent direct relative in the ascending line, A’s child or child's spouse or civil partner,

is or was temporarily employed outside the area in question.

(3) A person who is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom as a result of having moved from the Islands for the purpose of undertaking a course is to be considered to be ordinarily resident in the Islands.

(4) A person is not to be treated as ordinarily resident in a place unless that person lawfully resides in that place.

(5) In sub-paragraph (2)—

- (e) “parent” means a parent, guardian or any other person having parental responsibility for a child, and “child” is to be construed accordingly; and
- (f) “temporarily employed” includes in the case of members of the regular naval, military or air forces of—
 - (i) the Crown, any period which they serve outside the United Kingdom as members of such forces;
 - (ii) an EEA State or Switzerland, any period which they serve outside the territory comprising the European Economic Area and Switzerland as members of such forces; and
 - (iii) Turkey, any period which they serve outside the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and Turkey as members of such forces.

Persons who are settled in the United Kingdom

3. (1) A person who on the first day of the first academic year of the course—

- (a) is settled in the United Kingdom other than by reason of having acquired the right of permanent residence;
- (b) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom;
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) whose residence in the United Kingdom and Islands has not during any part of the period referred to in paragraph (c) been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education.

(2) Paragraph (d) does not apply to a person who is treated as being ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands in accordance with paragraph (2).

4. A person who—

- (a) is settled in the United Kingdom by virtue of having acquired the right of permanent residence on the first day of an academic year of the course;
- (b) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) in a case where his residence referred to in paragraph (c) was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, was ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the overseas territories immediately before the period of residence referred to in paragraph (c).

Refugees and their family members

5. (1) A person who—

- (a) is a refugee;
- (b) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands and has not ceased to be so resident since he was recognised as a refugee; and
- (c) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course.

(2) A person who—

- (a) is the spouse or civil partner of a refugee;
- (b) was the spouse or civil partner of the refugee on the date on which the refugee made his application for asylum;
- (c) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands and has not ceased to be so resident since he was given leave to remain in the United Kingdom; and
- (d) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course.

(3) A person who—

- (a) is the child of a refugee or the child of the spouse or civil partner of a refugee;
- (b) on the date on which the refugee made his application for asylum, was the child of the refugee or the child of a person who was the spouse or civil partner of the refugee on that date;
- (c) was under 18 years of age on the date on which the refugee made his application for asylum;
- (d) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands and has not ceased to be so resident since he was given leave to remain in the United Kingdom; and
- (e) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course.

(4) In this paragraph, “refugee” means a person who is recognised by Her Majesty’s government as a refugee within the meaning of the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees done at Geneva on 28th July 1951(a) as extended by the Protocol thereto which entered into force on 4th October 1967(b).

Persons granted humanitarian protection and their family members

6. (1) A person granted humanitarian protection who is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course.

(2) A person who—

- (a) is the spouse or civil partner of a person granted humanitarian protection;
- (b) was the spouse or civil partner of the person granted humanitarian protection on the date on which that person applied for asylum (the “asylum application date”); and
- (c) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course.

(3) A person who—

- (d) is the child of a person granted humanitarian protection or the child of the spouse or civil partner of a person granted humanitarian protection;
- (e) on the asylum application date, was the child of that person or the child of a person who was the spouse or civil partner of the person granted humanitarian protection on that date;
- (f) was under 18 years of age on the asylum application date; and
- (g) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course.

(4) In this paragraph “person granted humanitarian protection” means a person—

- (h) who, on the grounds of humanitarian protection, has been granted leave to remain under the immigration rules as defined in section 33(1) of the Immigration Act 1971(c);
- (i) whose leave to remain is extant, or in respect of whose leave to remain an appeal is pending (within section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002)(d); and
- (j) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since the person was granted such leave to remain.

Workers, employed persons, self-employed persons and their family members

7. (1) A person who—

- (a) is—
 - (i) an EEA migrant worker or an EEA self-employed person;
 - (ii) a Swiss employed person or a Swiss self-employed person;
 - (iii) a family member of a person mentioned in paragraph (a)(i) or (a)(ii);
 - (iv) an EEA frontier worker or an EEA frontier self-employed person;
 - (v) a Swiss frontier employed person or a Swiss frontier self-employed person; or
 - (vi) a family member of a person mentioned in paragraph (a)(iv) or (a)(v);
- (b) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course; and

(a) Cmnd. 9171.

(b) Cmnd. 3906 (out of print; photocopies are available, free of charge, from the Student Support Division, Department for Education and Skills, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington DL3 9BG).

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- (c) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the overseas territories throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.

(2) Paragraph (b) of sub-paragraph (1) does not apply where the person falls within paragraph (a)(iv), (a)(v) or (a)(vi) of that sub-paragraph.

8. A person who—

- (a) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (b) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the overseas territories throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (c) is entitled to support by virtue of Article 12 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1612/68(a) on the freedom of movement of workers, as extended by the EEA Agreement.

Persons who are settled in the United Kingdom and have exercised a right of residence elsewhere

9. (1) A person who—

- (a) is settled in the United Kingdom;
- (b) left the United Kingdom and exercised a right of residence after having been settled in the United Kingdom;
- (c) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the day on which the first term of the first academic year actually begins;
- (d) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the overseas territories throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (e) in a case where his ordinary residence referred to in paragraph (d) was wholly or mainly for the purposes of receiving full-time education, was ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area and Switzerland immediately before the period of ordinary residence referred to in paragraph (d).

(2) In this paragraph, a person has exercised a right of residence if he is a United Kingdom national, a family member of a United Kingdom national for the purposes of Article 7 of Directive 2004/38 (or corresponding purposes under the EEA Agreement or Swiss Agreement) or a person who has a right of permanent residence who in each case has exercised a right under Article 7 of Directive 2004/38 or any equivalent right under the EEA Agreement or Swiss Agreement in a state other than the United Kingdom or, in the case of a person who is settled in the United Kingdom and has a right of permanent residence, if he goes to the state within the territory comprising the European Economic Area and Switzerland of which he is a national or of which the person in relation to whom he is a family member is a national.

EU nationals

10. (1) A person who—

- (a) is either—
 - (i) an EU national on the first day of an academic year of the course; or
 - (ii) a family member of a such a person;
- (b) is undertaking the course in the United Kingdom;

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- (c) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the overseas territories throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) whose ordinary residence in the relevant territory has not during any part of the period referred to in paragraph (c) been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1)(c) does not apply to a family member of an EU national where that national—

- (a) is—
 - (i) a United Kingdom national who has exercised a right to reside in the territory of another Member State under Article 7(1) of Directive 2004/38; or
 - (ii) not a United Kingdom national; and
- (b) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the overseas territories throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.

(3) Sub-paragraph (1)(d) does not apply to a person who is treated as being ordinarily resident in the relevant territory in accordance with paragraph (2).

11. (1) A person who—

- (a) is an EU national other than a United Kingdom national on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (b) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three-year period immediately preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) in a case where the ordinary residence referred to in paragraph (c) was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, was ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the overseas territories immediately prior to the period of ordinary residence referred to in that paragraph.

(2) Where a state accedes to the European Community after the first day of the first academic year of the course and a person is a national of that state, the requirement in sub-paragraph (1)(a) is treated as being satisfied.

Children of Swiss nationals

12. A person who—

- (a) is the child of a Swiss national who is entitled to support in the United Kingdom by virtue of Article 3(6) of Annex 1 to the Swiss Agreement;
- (b) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland and the overseas territories throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) in a case where his ordinary residence referred to in paragraph (c) was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, was ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area and Switzerland immediately before the period of ordinary residence referred to in paragraph (c).

Children of Turkish workers

13. (1) A person who—

- (a) is the child of a Turkish worker;
 - (b) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom on the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
 - (c) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Turkey and the overseas territories throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1)(a), “Turkish worker” means a Turkish national who—
- (a) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom; and
 - (b) is, or has been, lawfully employed in the United Kingdom.

Long Residence

- 14.** (1) A person who on the first day of the first academic year of the course—
- (a) is either—
 - (i) under the age of 18 and has lived in the United Kingdom throughout the seven-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; or
 - (ii) aged 18 years old or above and, preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course, has lived in the United Kingdom throughout either—
 - (aa) half their life; or
 - (bb) a period of twenty-years;
 - (b) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom;
 - (c) has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
 - (d) whose residence in the United Kingdom and Islands has not during any part of the period referred to in paragraph (c) been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1)(d) does not apply to a person who is treated as being ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands in accordance with paragraph (2).

Date

Name
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, made under the Higher Education and Research Act 2017(a) (“the Act”), prescribe:

- registered higher education providers of a certain description (section 11(1) of the Act);
- the meaning of “qualifying person” for the purposes of section 11(4) of the Act; and
- the meaning of “qualifying course for the purposes of section 11(6) of the Act.

These Regulations apply to England (regulation 1(2)).

Definitions used in these Regulations are set out in regulation 2 and, where a definition applies to one regulation or paragraph of Schedule only, in that regulation or Schedule paragraph. By virtue of section 11 of the Interpretation Act 1978(b), words and phrases which have defined meanings in an Act have the same meanings in subordinate legislation such as Regulations unless the context otherwise requires.

The following terms are defined in section 79 of the Act—

- “higher education provider” means an institution which provides higher education;
- “higher education” means education provided by means of a higher education course;
- “higher education course” means a course of any description mentioned in Schedule 6 to the Education Reform Act 1988(c); and
- “institution” includes any training provider (whether or not the training provider would otherwise be regarded as an institution).

Other relevant definitions are—

- “fees” has the meaning given by section 81(2) of the Act;
- “fee limit condition” means a condition that requires the governing body of the provider to secure that regulated fees do not exceed the fee limit (section 11(2) of the Act);
- “registered higher education provider” is an institution which is registered in the register (section 4(10) of the Act);
- “register” is the register that the Office for Students must establish and maintain in relation to English higher education providers (section 4(1) of the Act); and
- “regulated course fees” is defined in section 11(3) of the Act.

The Student Fees (Qualifying Courses and Persons) (England) Regulations 2007(d) are revoked (regulation 3).

Regulation 4 prescribes the providers for the purposes of section 11(1) of the Act as those who appear in a certain category in the register. Under section 4(2) of the Act the Office for Students has the power to divide the register into different categories of registration.

Regulations 5, 6, 7 and 8 prescribe the meaning of “qualifying person.”

Regulation 9 prescribes the meaning of “qualifying course”.

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(b) ***
(c) ***
(d) S.I. 2007/778

The Schedule relates to regulation 5 which states that persons falling within the Schedule (subject to the exception in regulations 6(2) and 7) are to be regarded as qualifying persons. The first two paragraphs of the Schedule relate to definitions which apply for the purposes of the Schedule.

The qualifying persons are—

- persons who are settled in the United Kingdom (paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Schedule);
- refugees and their family members (paragraph 5 of the Schedule);
- persons granted humanitarian protection and their family members (paragraph 6 of the Schedule);
- workers, employed persons, self-employed persons and their family members (paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Schedule);
- persons who are settled in the United Kingdom and have exercised a right of residence elsewhere (paragraph 9 of the Schedule);
- EU nationals (paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Schedule);
- children of Swiss nationals (paragraph 12 of the Schedule);
- children of Turkish workers (paragraph 13 of the Schedule); and
- long residence (paragraph 14) of the Schedule.

These Regulations are indicative only and are based on the proposals set out in the White Paper(a). Section 4(1) of the Act provides that the OfS must establish and maintain a register of English higher education providers. Categories of registered higher education provider will be determined by the OfS under section 4(2) of the Act which provides that the register may be divided by the OfS into different parts representing such different categories of registration as the OfS may determine. The draft Regulations are based on the proposals set out in the White Paper (b) given that the OfS has yet to come into existence and is therefore not yet able to determine different categories of registered higher education provider under the register.

(a) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-education-success-as-a-knowledge-economy-white-paper>
(b) See paragraph 39 of the White Paper.