

HE Policy: What your executive team needs to know and how to brief them



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Introduction

- Amerjit Basi
- Civil servant working for Government (1997-2016) – 10 years in HE policy (2003-2013; 4 ministers, numerous Lords' Ministers; spanning around 5-10 policy areas). Now advising/representing University of Sheffield on policy.



- Jonathan Woodhead



- UK Parliament (front-bench advisory role), Universities UK, Two London HEIs – working with VC and senior officials.

Why should you as planners be interested in HE policy formed outside of your HEI?

- TEF/fees – from policy to practice



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS	
2016 No. 1205	
EDUCATION, ENGLAND	
The Higher Education (Basic Amount) (England) Regulations 2016	
Made	13th December 2016
Laid before Parliament	13th December 2016
Coming into force	6th January 2017

The Secretary of State for Education makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34(3) and 47 of the Higher Education Act 2004(a).

In accordance with section 26(2)(a)(i) of that Act, the Secretary of State is satisfied that the increase in the basic amounts in no greater than is required to maintain the value of that amount in real terms.

In accordance with section 26(2)(i) of that Act, the Secretary of State has had regard to the index of prices quoted by Regulations made under that Act.

Classification, commencement and application

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Higher Education (Basic Amount) (England) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 6th January 2017.

2. These Regulations apply to institutions in England.

Interpretation

A. In these Regulations—

“the 2004 Act” means the Higher Education Act 2004;

“academic year” has the meaning given in regulation 2(1) of the Student Support Regulations;

“university institution” means an institution other than one in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;

“academic course” has the meaning given in regulation 2(10) of the Student Support Regulations.

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Tuition fees

English universities to raise tuition fees for first time since they trebled

Manchester and Durham among those listing fees for new entrants from September 2017 at £9,250



Manchester University is one of the universities raising its fees to £9,250 for 2017/18. Photograph: University of Manchester

Universities in England have started telling potential students that their tuition fees will go up across the board from next year, the first rise since fees were nearly trebled to £9,000 in 2012.

Manchester and Durham are among universities already listing annual undergraduate fees as rising to £9,250, following an announcement by higher

Higher Education Student Finance: Written statement - HCWS117

WS Department for Education Made on: 21 July 2016

Made by: Josephine Johnson (The Minister of State for Universities and Science) HCWS117

Higher Education Student Finance

I am today announcing student finance arrangements for higher education students undertaking a course of study in the 2017/18 academic year beginning in August 2017.

Teaching Excellence Framework

As stated in the Government's White Paper "Success as a Knowledge Economy: Teaching Excellence, Social Mobility and Student Choice", published on 16 May 2016, from 2016/17 the Government is introducing a Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) to provide clear information to students about where the best provision can be found and to drive up the standard of teaching in all higher education providers. In Year One of TEF (2016/17), all higher education providers who have met the eligibility criteria set out in the Government's White Paper will receive a rating of Meets Expectations. This TEF award will carry financial incentives, as detailed below, for 2017/18 which will last for one year only. A provisional list of providers achieving this rating in Year One was published on 07 July 2016 on Gov.uk[1].

The following sections provide details on the maximum tuition fee and fee loan caps in 2017/18 for higher education courses at providers that have been awarded a rating of Meets Expectations in TEF Year One (2016/17).

Tuition fees and fee loans for full-time higher education courses.

For all new students and eligible continuing students who started their full-time courses on or after 1 September 2012 and are undertaking courses at publicly funded higher education providers that have achieved a TEF rating of Meets Expectations, maximum tuition fee caps will be increased by forecast inflation (2.8%) in 2017/18. For publicly funded providers that have achieved a TEF rating of Meets Expectations and have an access agreement with the Office for Fair Access (OFFA), the maximum tuition fee cap for full-time courses will be £9,250 in 2017/18. For publicly funded providers that have achieved a TEF rating of Meets Expectations but do not have an access agreement with OFFA, the maximum tuition fee cap for full-time courses will be £6,165 in 2017/18. For publicly funded providers that have not achieved a TEF rating of Meets Expectations, maximum tuition fee caps for full-time courses in 2017/18 will be £9,000 and £6,000, the same as in 2016/17.



Why is Whitehall and Westminster important?

- What do MPs and Ministers think? Also Opposition and smaller parties?
 - Only human
 - Parliament matters
 - Constituency interests
- How can you use Parliament to your advantage?
 - Use institutional connections – Alumni, Chancellor, President, Chair of Governors etc.
 - Select Committees – academics and policy perspective (range of depts.)
 - Specific constituency concerns
 - House of Lords
 - Students/Parents

How do senior teams differ from Ministers and MPs?



- In some ways – not that much!
- Be politically astute.
- Time poor but intellectually curious.
- VCs and wider management teams will be aware of outcome of their actions.
- Different approaches? TMI and two sides of A4?
- Use of data and numbers in supporting an argument.

Policy round-up

- Tried to cover UK wide – but apologies if some are England only. Not an exhaustive list:
- Brexit – could be a session in itself! (Mark Leach)
- Industrial Strategy Green Paper – 23 Jan
- HE & Research Bill – Report Stage, Commons, ping pong?
- TEF & REF
- Schools Green Paper
- International Students consultation (Home Office)
- City Regions and LEPs
- Further divergent HE policy & devolution?
Diamond Review in Wales. Scottish Funding Council merger & Governance Bill.

