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Dear Helen,

**Higher Education (Registration Fees) (England) (Amendment) Regulations
2025**

I am writing to inform you that I am today laying regulations under section 70 of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (HERA), and to set out the purpose of these regulations. These will come into force on 21 June 2025.

The Office for Students (OfS), the regulator for higher education for England, primarily funds its operating costs through registration fees charged to registered higher education providers under regulations made under section 70 of HERA. These fees currently range from £0 to £214,485 per provider per annum, depending on its student numbers.

These regulations will increase the ongoing registration fees which the OfS may charge for the 2025/2026 academic year. This increase is necessary to ensure the OfS can continue to deliver its regulatory responsibilities, including registering new providers, additional activity on protecting public money and supporting financial sustainability, continuing to monitor providers' compliance with their registration conditions, distributing grant funding, and preparing for the implementation of the Lifelong Learning Entitlement.

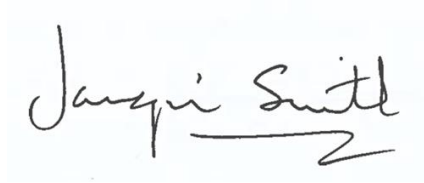
In total, these regulations will raise an additional £1.2 million, which equates to a 3.9% increase for all providers, except for the smallest providers who will continue to be eligible for an exemption under the existing regulations. This increase applies proportionately across all fee bands and is designed to be as limited as possible while meeting essential regulatory needs.

Without this increase, the OfS will not be able to continue its high-priority and resource-intensive work to regulate the higher education sector, including tackling pockets of low-quality provision and poor outcomes.

I hope I can count on your support for these regulations, as we and the OfS continue this vital work to improve quality in higher education, leading to better outcomes for students and value for money for taxpayers.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you require any additional information about these regulations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue rectangular background. The signature reads "Jacqui Smith" in a cursive script, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

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Annex - Table of registration fees per band

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
Fee band	Number of full-time equivalent students	AY24/25 Fee	AY25/26 Fee
A	No more than 25	£14,220	£14,775
B	More than 25 but no more than 50	£17,597	£18,283
C	More than 50 but no more than 75	£22,041	£22,901
D	More than 75 but no more than 100	£27,611	£28,688
E	More than 100 but no more than 300	£34,543	£35,890
F	More than 300 but no more than 500	£43,312	£45,001
G	More than 500 but no more than 1,000	£54,332	£56,451
H	More than 1,000 but no more than 1,500	£68,197	£70,857
I	More than 1,500 but no more than 2,500	£85,616	£88,955
J	More than 2,500 but no more than 5,000	£107,598	£111,794
K	More than 5,000 but no more than 10,000	£135,327	£140,605
L	More than 10,000 but no more than 20,000	£170,344	£176,987
M	More than 20,000	£214,485	£222,850