



The new regulatory landscape will fundamentally change the relationship between universities, students and the state. The Office for Students has already begun its work on 1st January and will respond to the framework consultation in the spring, hitting the ground running from 1st April 2018. Join Wonkhe and our partners to explore what the new regulatory system in England means for providers, students and taxpayers.

Our partners

Wonkhe is delighted to present this conference in association with the Association of Heads of University Administration and Committee of University Chairs. The conference is sponsored by Shakespeare Martineau.

10:00

Registration

10:15 **Welcome, introduction and scene-setting**

Wonkhe's Editor Mark Leach will kick off the day considering the significance of the new regulatory framework for English higher education.

10:30 **The CEO's vision for OfS**

Nicola Dandridge, CEO of the Office for Students will outline the organisation's approach to regulating the sector in conversation with Mark Leach.

11:00 **Regulation, regulation, regulation**

Team Wonkhe's David Kernohan and Louis Coiffait will explain the ins and outs of the new framework.

11:40 **Whose playing field? Implications for providers**

Panel discussion considering the impact of the regulatory framework on the wide range of higher education providers.

Speakers:

- John Hogan, Deputy Chair, AHUA and Registrar, Newcastle University
- John Rushforth, Executive Secretary, CUC
- Roxanne Stockwell, Principal, Pearson College London

Chair: Mark Leach

12:30 *Lunch*

13:20 **Students and the Office for Students**

Panel discussion exploring the role of students in the new regulatory environment.

Speakers:

- Ruth Carlson, Board Member, Office for Students and student, University of Surrey
- Amatey Doku, Vice President Higher Education, National Union of Students
- Nicci Simpson, President, Open University Students' Association

Chair: Catherine Boyd

14:10 **Parallel sessions**

Four workshops will explore different aspects of the new regulatory framework.

1. How will Quality be assured?

This session will explore QAA's role and functions as the body designated to carry out quality assessment functions. As well as considering the changes English institutions can expect, it will also look at UK wide regulatory developments and future challenges in maintaining the coherence of UK higher education.

Speakers from QAA; Chair: Catherine Boyd

2. Governance beyond compliance

Beyond Compliance: the impact of OfS regulation on institutional governance, culture, and values. How can institutional leaders safeguard and develop institutional distinctiveness, culture and values, and meet new regulatory and registration requirements?

*Speakers: Smita Jamdar and Jonathan Nicholls, Shakespeare Martineau;
Chair: David Kernohan*

3. Widening Participation

Hearts must have courage for the changing of the WP guards. The new regulatory regime, with Widening Participation as a key measure, will be reoriented toward risk management and performance. Work this way as we explore the possibilities the effective and efficient practice and (high) performance measures.

Speaker: Sean Johnson, Applied Inspiration; Chair: Louis Coiffait

4. What can higher education learn from other sectors?

HE doesn't always look outside its own cloisters for inspiration. What can the sector learn from other regulated environments? Join experts in health and education regulation to hear their experiences of the world outside HE and identify lessons which can be learned.

Speakers: Isabel Nisbet, former CEO of Ofqual, Tim Aldrich, KPMG;

Chair: Ant Bagshaw

15:00

Break

15:30

How should institutions respond to the framework?

Panel discussion considering how higher education providers can - or should - respond to the new regulatory landscape.

Speakers:

- Smita Jamdar, Partner, Shakespeare Martineau
- Carl Lygo, Board Member, Office for Students
- Gordon McKenzie, CEO, GuildHE

Chair: Ant Bagshaw

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