

Admissions, Recruitment and Widening Access

Expectations		Core Practice. The provider....	In practice this means....	Evidenced
EXPECTATIONS FOR STANDARDS	<p>The academic standards of courses meet the requirements of the relevant national qualifications framework.</p> <p><i>Effective admissions, recruitment and widening access policies and procedures enable providers to recruit students who are capable of meeting the required standards for their course.</i></p>	ensures that students who are awarded qualifications have the opportunity to achieve standards beyond the threshold level that are reasonably comparable with those achieved in other UK providers.	managing expectations of students, from researching prospective courses through to admissions and enrolment. Providers need to ensure that only students for whom there is a reasonable expectation that they are capable of completion are admitted.	Academic Regulations Quality Handbook Course Specification Module Specifications
EXPECTATIONS FOR QUALITY	<p>From admission through to completion, all students are provided with the support that they need to succeed in and benefit from higher education.</p> <p><i>Admissions, recruitment and widening access sets the tone of engagement for a student with their provider and the wider sector. Therefore the support a student receives from pre-entry to enrolment will be instrumental in laying the foundations for a successful educational experience.</i></p>	has a reliable, fair and inclusive admissions system.	that fairness and reliability are embedded principles within admissions and recruitment, and inclusivity pervades throughout the process from outreach activity to processes and practices to enrolment.	Admissions Policy
		actively engages students, individually and collectively, in the quality of their educational experience.	this means that there needs to be active engagement with students who have recently gone through the admissions process and those who declined, with a view to continuously improve the process for future diverse cohorts.	Quality Handbook
		has fair and transparent procedures for handling complaints and appeals which are accessible to all students.	that providers adhere to the practice of having clearly articulated and transparent processes for handling complaints of prospective students that are accessible to all stakeholders. These should be monitored and reviewed to mitigate against the same issues arising in the future.	Academic Regulations Complaints and Resolution Policy and Procedure

Assessment				
Expectations		Core Practice. The provider....	In practice this means....	Evidenced
EXPECTATIONS FOR STANDARDS	<p>The academic standards of courses meet the requirements of the relevant national qualifications framework.</p> <p><i>Assessment ensures that the qualifications are awarded only to those students who meet specified learning outcomes. Learning outcomes are specified for each course, which are consistent with the relevant national qualification frameworks' descriptors, and assessment determines whether each student has achieved them.</i></p>	<p>ensures that the threshold standards for its qualifications are consistent with the relevant national qualifications frameworks.</p>	<p>that learning outcomes are specified for each course, consistent with the relevant national qualification frameworks' descriptors, and assessment determines whether each student has achieved them. Providers operate processes that ensure learning outcomes are consistent with the requirements of the relevant national qualifications frameworks. They ensure assessments measure the extent to which students achieve the learning outcomes both at, and beyond, the threshold level. Providers also ensure measurement and representation of students' achievement beyond the threshold is reasonably comparable with those of other UK providers - via external examining and the use of external input and/or reference points in course design and assessment frameworks.</p>	<p>Academic Regulations Quality Handbook Course Specification Module Specifications</p>
	<p>The value of qualifications awarded to students at the point of qualification and over time is in line with sector-recognised standards.</p> <p><i>Assessment regimes include processes ensuring the qualifications awarded by a degree-awarding body are consistent with the standards recognised within the sector and continue to be so over time. This consistency is important for the value of a qualification and the trust stakeholders place in it.</i></p>	<p>ensures that students who are awarded qualifications have the opportunity to achieve standards beyond the threshold level that are reasonably comparable with those achieved in other UK providers.</p>		

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		works in partnership with other organisations, it has in place effective arrangements to ensure that the standards of its awards are credible and secure irrespective of where or how courses are delivered or who delivers them.	that degree-awarding bodies remain responsible for the academic standards of all credit and qualifications granted in their name; this responsibility is never delegated. They ensure that any partner involved in design or delivery of assessment understands and follows the requirements they approve.	
		uses external expertise, assessment and classification processes that are reliable, fair and transparent.	that providers operate processes for assessment and classification that ensure student achievement is measured reliably, fairly and transparently. They use external examiners for independent confirmation that their processes have been applied appropriately, and ensure qualifications have been awarded equitably and in accordance with national standards. Providers also make sure assessment policies and procedures are published and readily accessible to all stakeholders.	Quality Handbook External Examiner Policy Approval Reports Periodic Review Reports

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EXPECTATIONS FOR QUALITY	<p>Courses are well-designed, provide a high-quality academic experience for all students and enable a student's achievement to be reliably assessed.</p> <p><i>Courses are designed so that curricula, learning outcomes and assessment are aligned with each other, enabling reliable assessment and an effective learning experience. Assessment measures accurately and consistently, the extent to which students have achieved the learning outcomes for the course.</i></p> <p>From admission through to completion, all students are provided with the support that they need to succeed in and benefit from higher education.</p> <p><i>Assessment supports students' learning: it is designed to enable students to learn through preparing for and undertaking the assessment and from feedback on their performance in the assessment.</i></p>	<p>designs and/or delivers high-quality courses.</p>	<p>that providers operate processes that ensure learning outcomes are consistent with the requirements of the relevant national qualification frameworks. They ensure that assessment measures the learning outcomes for the course, supports students' learning, and is appropriately tailored to different environments, for example, in the workplace for some apprenticeships. Providers operate effective institutional policies and procedures on assessment design and delivery.</p>	<p>Academic Regulations Quality Handbook Course Specification Module Specifications Module Information (eStudio)</p>
		<p>has sufficient appropriately qualified and skilled staff to deliver a high-quality academic experience.</p>	<p>that providers ensure that recruitment, progression and development of staff involved in teaching and assessment includes consideration of their knowledge and expertise in assessment.</p>	<p>Recruitment Policy Annual Performance Review Policy</p>

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Concerns, Complaints and Appeals

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<p>EXPECTATIONS FOR QUALITY</p> <p>Courses are well-designed, provide a high-quality academic experience for all students and enable a student’s achievement to be reliably assessed.</p> <p><i>A student’s experience of their course is a complex interaction of their expectations, the information they have received before and during the course, and their experiences. A student may have experiences that lead to either complaints or appeals around this area.</i></p> <p>From admission through to completion, all students are provided with the support that they need to succeed in and benefit from higher education.</p> <p><i>Handling concerns, complaints and appeals is a very challenging area, both with regards to ensuring individual requirements are understood and met and establishing a model of working in partnership with the student to achieve this aim.</i></p>	<p>fair and transparent procedures for handling complaints and appeals which are accessible to all students.</p>	<p>that providers have formal mechanisms for handling complaints and appeals.</p>	<p>Academic Regulations Quality handbook Academic Appeals Procedure Complaints and Resolutions Policy and Procedure</p>

Course Design and Development

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EXPECTATION FOR STANDARDS	<p>The academic standards of courses meet the requirements of the relevant national qualifications framework.</p> <p><i>The UK frameworks for higher education qualifications provide definitive points of reference for UK higher education providers when designing courses. They also provide a context in which qualifications can be reviewed and developed.</i></p> <p>The value of qualifications awarded to students at the point of qualification and over time is in line with sector-recognised standards.</p> <p><i>Qualifications are determined by level and academic credit. Level descriptors and academic credit values allow providers to accurately describe and market their qualifications in a consistent manner. Not only are they tools for securing threshold academic standards nationally, they allow valid comparisons to be made with qualifications in other nations which enables student mobility.</i></p>	<p>ensures that the threshold standards for its qualifications are consistent with the relevant national qualifications frameworks.</p>	<p>that when designing and approving courses, relevant national qualifications frameworks are referred to.</p>	<p>Quality Handbook Course Specification Module Specifications Approval Reports Periodic Review Reports</p>

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		works in partnership with other organisations, it has in place effective arrangements to ensure that the standards of its awards are credible and secure irrespective of where or how courses are delivered or who delivers them.	that the awarding body or organisation ensures that it maintains responsibility for setting and maintaining standards of a course regardless of where it is delivered.	
		uses external expertise, assessment and classification processes that are reliable, fair and transparent.	that feedback from external stakeholders is used to inform course design and development.	Quality Handbook Academic Regulations External Examiner Policy
EXPECTATION OF QUALITY	<p>Courses are well-designed, provide a high-quality academic experience for all students and enable a student's achievement to be reliably assessed.</p> <p><i>Feedback from key stakeholders/sources and multidisciplinary research allow developers to craft relevant and innovative courses of study. Sources of feedback for course design may include internal and external specialists, prospective, current and past students, employers and PSRBs. The incorporation of a systematic, relevant and stimulating assessment strategy, which enables course and module learning outcomes to be met, is also a key consideration for course design and development.</i></p>	designs and/or delivers high-quality courses.	that course approval processes facilitate the design and development of high-quality, relevant, market-attractive courses which lead to credible and recognised positive outcomes for students.	Quality Handbook Approval Reports
		has sufficient appropriately qualified and skilled staff to deliver a high-quality academic experience.	that course approval processes ensure that there are appropriately qualified and skilled staff to deliver a high-quality academic experience.	Course Approval Documentation Recruitment Policy
		has sufficient and appropriate facilities, learning resources and student support services to deliver a high-quality academic experience.	that course approval processes ensure that there are appropriate facilities, learning resources and student support services to deliver a high-quality academic experience.	Approval Reports Course and Student Handbooks

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		works in partnership with other organisations, it has in place effective arrangements to ensure that the academic experience is high-quality irrespective of where or how courses are delivered and who delivers them.	that when a course is designed and developed in partnership with an external organisation, the degree-awarding body's course approval processes consider and document responsibilities in relation to delivery, support and monitoring arrangements.	

Enabling Student Achievement				
Expectations		Core Practice. The provider....	In practice this means.....	Evidenced
EXPECTATION FOR QUALITY	From admission through to completion, all students are provided with the support that they need to succeed in and benefit from higher education.	has sufficient appropriately qualified and skilled staff to deliver a high-quality academic experience.	that staff who are highly skilled in meeting the learning and support needs of students are ensuring effective knowledge transfer which leads to students achieving successful outcomes.	Course Approval Documentation Recruitment Policy
	<i>Enabling student achievement encompasses a holistic approach to support throughout the entire student journey, from admission and transition into higher education, to completion and transition out of higher education. This Expectation does not specify 'academic success' and so it is worth noting that enabling student achievement does not comprise solely of academic support. This Expectation also makes clear reference to support that is accessible and inclusive of all students, but not the same for all students.</i>	has sufficient and appropriate facilities, learning resources and student support services to deliver a high-quality academic experience.	that the study/research environment, access to appropriate resources and wider student support are vital in providing a high quality academic and personal student experience.	Approval Reports Course and Student Handbooks
		supports all students to achieve successful academic and professional outcomes.	that effective academic support throughout the student journey and support that enables students to pursue a rewarding, professional career and positive academic outcomes.	Academic Regulations Quality Handbook

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Enabling Student Achievement

Expectations		Core Practice. The provider....	In practice this means....	Evidenced
		designs and/or delivers high-quality courses.	that embedding support mechanisms within the design and delivery of courses will enable staff to pre-empt and identify needs of students before it impacts retention and progression.	Approval Reports Course and Student Handbooks
		actively engages students, individually and collectively, in the quality of their education experience.	that student engagement with support services is critical to better understand the individual and collective needs of students. It also signposts students to support mechanisms that their provider offers.	Quality Handbook Course and Student Handbooks Student Module Feedback National Student Survey

External Expertise

Expectations		Core Practice. The provider....	In practice this means....	Evidenced
EXPECTATIONS FOR STANDARDS	<p>The academic standards of courses meet the requirements of the relevant national qualifications framework.</p> <p><i>External experts, including external advisers and external examiners, contribute to course design and approval, course review, setting and maintaining academic standards and alignment with the relevant national qualifications framework, Characteristics Statements and their alignment with Subject Benchmark Statements, and any other requirements, such as those from PSRBs or funding bodies.</i></p>	<p>ensures that the threshold standards for its qualifications are consistent with the relevant national qualifications frameworks.</p>	<p>that external experts contribute to course design, delivery and review and pay due attention to the requirements of the relevant national qualifications frameworks, Characteristics Statements and Subject Benchmark Statements. External examiners comment on the maintenance and application of academic standards through internal marking practices.</p>	<p>Quality Handbook Approval Reports Course Specifications Module Specifications</p>
	<p>The value of qualifications awarded to students at the point of qualification and over time is in line with sector-recognised standards.</p> <p><i>External examiners comment on the consistent application of the provider’s standards and confirm their alignment with UK-recognised standards in determining awards.</i></p>	<p>ensures that students who are awarded qualifications have the opportunity to achieve standards beyond the threshold level that are reasonably comparable with those achieved in other UK providers.</p>	<p>this means that external examiners, and other external experts, comment on whether students have the opportunity to achieve standards beyond the threshold level.</p>	<p>Academic Regulations Quality Handbook Course Specification Module Specifications</p>
		<p>works in partnership with other organisations, it has in place effective arrangements to ensure that the standards of its awards are credible and secure irrespective of where or how courses are delivered or who delivers them.</p>	<p>this means that the external examiner role for provision in partnership with other organisations is consistent with the degree-awarding body’s approved practices and, where appropriate, consideration is given to comparison of cohorts across location and provider.</p>	

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External Expertise				
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		uses external expertise, assessment and classification processes that are reliable, fair and transparent.	that providers ensure that appropriate criteria are applied in the engagement of external experts, paying due attention to the relevant expertise of each and the avoidance of conflicts of interest. External examiners comment on the setting, maintenance and application of academic standards through rigorous assessment processes, to the best of their professional knowledge.	
EXPECTATION FOR QUALITY	<p>Courses are well-designed, provide a high-quality academic experience for all students and enable a student's achievement to be reliably assessed.</p> <p><i>External experts, including relevant PSRBs, employers and other external stakeholders, contribute to course design and review. External examiners play an important role in identifying good practice and making recommendations for enhancement of assessment policies and procedures.</i></p>	<p>designs and/or delivers high-quality courses.</p>	<p>that external experts such as advisers and, where relevant, PSRB and employer requirements, inform course design and approval, and course review. Course design and review involves consideration of all elements contributing to the learning journey including staff and resources to deliver a high-quality academic experience.</p>	<p>Academic Regulations Quality Handbook Course Specification Module Specification Approval Reports</p>
		<p>works in partnership with other organisations, it has in place effective arrangements to ensure that the academic experience is high-quality irrespective of where or how courses are delivered or who delivers them.</p>	<p>that at course design, approval and review, and as part of ongoing monitoring, external expertise forms part of the evidence by which providers assure the quality of the student learning experience when working in partnership with other organisations.</p>	

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Learning and Teaching

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EXPECTATIONS FOR QUALITY	<p>Courses are well designed, provide a high-quality academic experience for all students and enable a student’s achievement to be reliably assessed.</p> <p><i>Effective learning and teaching combines robust pedagogic approaches with relevant discipline knowledge, subject-specific and transferable skills, aligned to providers’ descriptors of graduate attributes, appropriate to the academic level of study and reflective of the changing world. Learning and teaching displays breadth, depth, pace and challenge.</i></p>	has sufficient appropriately qualified and skilled staff to deliver a high-quality academic experience.	that providers ensure individuals and teams involved in teaching and supporting students demonstrate an appropriate mix of academic, professional and pedagogic knowledge and skills.	Recruitment Policy Quality Handbook
	<p>From admission through to completion, all students are provided with the support that they need to succeed in and benefit from higher education.</p> <p>Staff are appropriately supported and developed, in turn, to support their students. Learning and teaching activity is inclusive in its approach, providing all students with parity of quality of learning opportunities, ensuring they are appropriately supported to flourish.</p>	has sufficient and appropriate facilities, learning resources and student support services to deliver a high-quality academic experience.	that providers plan for, invest in and maintain an appropriate environment for delivery of their learning and teaching. Learning facilities and resources are accessible and relevant to students’ development of their knowledge and skills.	Approval Reports
		actively engages students, individually and collectively, in the quality of their educational experience.	that providers use engagement to assess the effectiveness of learning and teaching provision.	Quality Handbook Student Module Handbook

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		supports all students to achieve successful academic and professional outcomes.	this means that providers ensure the availability of an inclusive and engaging learning environment in which all students are supported to succeed. They design and deliver learning and teaching to develop subject-specific and transferable skills that enhance students' personal development and employment opportunities, including self-employment. Providers continually evaluate the effectiveness of learning and teaching in the context of student needs, achievement and progression.	Academic Regulations Quality Handbook Course Specification Module Specifications Annual Course Evaluations

Monitoring and Evaluation				
Expectations		Core Practice. The provider....	In practice this means....	Evidenced
EXPECTATIONS FOR STANDARDS	The academic standards of courses meet the requirements of the relevant national qualifications framework.	ensures that the threshold standards for its qualifications are consistent with the relevant national qualifications frameworks.	that providers refer to the relevant national qualifications framework when designing monitoring and evaluations policies and processes, and ensure they assess whether threshold standards are being achieved by their graduates.	Quality Handbook Course Specification Module Specification Approval Reports
	<i>Monitoring and evaluation ensures that providers' academic provision enables students to achieve the intended learning outcomes of courses. They evaluate student attainment of academic standards and allow providers to confirm that their portfolio aligns with their mission and strategic priorities.</i>	ensures that students who are awarded qualifications have the opportunity to achieve standards beyond the threshold level that are reasonably comparable with those achieved	that providers collect and analyse data that allows for comparison and make appropriate use of externality and sector guidance on, for example,	Module Reviews Annual Course Evaluations

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Monitoring and Evaluation				
Expectations		Core Practice. The provider....	In practice this means....	Evidenced
	<p>The value of qualifications awarded to students at the point of qualification and over time is in line with sector-recognised standards.</p> <p><i>Monitoring and evaluation is an essential process within a provider's internal quality assurance mechanisms, covering all provision that leads to their awards and assuring the standard of those qualifications. Relevant sector-recognised standards form a baseline for monitoring and evaluation systems.</i></p>	<p>in other UK providers.</p>	<p>degree classifications and algorithms.</p>	
		<p>works in partnership with other organisations, it has in place effective arrangements to ensure that the standards of its awards are credible and secure irrespective of where or how courses are delivered or who delivers them.</p>	<p>that degree-awarding bodies ensure monitoring and evaluation arrangements are tailored to HE delivery in other organisations and learning environments, which may include satisfying themselves that those organisations' own monitoring systems are sufficient and feed in to their own appropriately.</p>	<p>Academic Regulations Quality Handbook Course Specification Module Specifications</p>
EXPECTATIONS FOR QUALITY	<p>Courses are well-designed, provide a high-quality academic experience for all students and enable a student's achievement to be reliably assessed.</p> <p><i>Effective monitoring and evaluation allows providers to consider objectively whether their courses are in fact well designed and high-quality, and can consider whether other systems and processes are effective in ensuring reliable assessment.</i></p>	<p>designs and/or delivers high-quality courses.</p>	<p>that providers routinely monitor their course provision to allow objective assessment of whether this practice is being achieved.</p>	<p>Module Reviews Annual Course Evaluations Student Module Feedback</p>
	<p>From admission through to completion, all students are provided with the support that they need to succeed in and benefit from higher education.</p> <p><i>Monitoring and evaluation systems look at all stages of the student experience and consider the support provided to students.</i></p>	<p>actively engages students, individually and collectively, in the quality of their educational experience.</p>	<p>providers ensure effective collection, collation and analysis of student perspectives and feedback in monitoring and evaluation, and feed outcomes into strategic planning and course design as appropriate.</p>	<p>Programme Boards Module Reviews Annual Course Evaluations Student Module Feedback</p>

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Student Engagement

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EXPECTATION FOR QUALITY	<p>Courses are well-designed, provide a high-quality academic experience for all students and enable a student’s achievement to be reliably assessed.</p> <p><i>Learning is a partnership; the effort and engagement of students is an essential aspect of their achievement. Students provide an invaluable perspective on the conditions needed for a high quality academic experience and how this can be continuously improved. Students can provide feedback, work collaboratively with staff and other stakeholders as they consider feedback and other quality indicators and work as co-creators of the curriculum. These activities will contribute to effective course design and approval, periodic review and the recognition of high-quality teaching.</i></p>	<p>actively engages students, individually and collectively, in the quality of their educational experience.</p>	<p>that effective, meaningful and inclusive student engagement requires continuous effort to ensure the development of new and innovative approaches. Students can engage individually in their learning and in quality processes, which might involve working in partnership with individual staff, or groups of staff and other students. However, individual student feedback is not a substitute for formal structures of collective student representation. Collective student engagement involves students considering, deliberating and developing informed views, independent from the provider, which are representative of the wider student body. Collective engagement will happen primarily through the student representative structures such as course/class/faculty representatives, and where they exist through the students’ representative body (such as the students’ union, association or guild).</p>	<p>Quality Handbook Programme Board minutes Approval Reports</p>

Work-based Learning

Expectations		Core Practice. The provider....	In practice this means....	Evidenced
EXPECTATIONS FOR STANDARDS	<p>The academic standards of courses meet the requirements of the relevant national qualifications framework.</p> <p><i>Courses which are solely work-based learning, or include work-based learning elements, align with the relevant national qualifications framework, Characteristics Statements and the application of Subject Benchmark Statements and any other relevant requirements such as those from PSRBs or funding bodies. This may require differentiated work-based learning across different levels of a course.</i></p>	works in partnership with other organisations, it has in place effective arrangements to ensure that the standards of its awards are credible and secure irrespective of where or how courses are delivered or who delivers them.	that although all work-based learning is delivered in partnership, the UK higher education provider always maintains responsibility for standards and ensures that all students have an equitable opportunity to succeed.	
	<p>The value of qualifications awarded to students at the point of qualification and over time is in line with sector-recognised standards.</p> <p><i>Education organisations make assessment judgements which are based on objective criteria and are reliable, fair and transparent and in line with sector norms.</i></p>	ensures that students who are awarded qualifications have the opportunity to achieve standards beyond the threshold level that are reasonably comparable with those achieved in other UK providers.	that students are given the opportunity to demonstrate achievement at both threshold and beyond threshold standards, including the achievement of occupational and/or professional competence in workplace or other settings.	Academic Regulations Quality Handbook Course Specifications Module Specifications
EXPECTATIONS FOR QUALITY	<p>Courses are well-designed, provide a high-quality academic experience for all students and enable a student’s achievement to be reliably assessed.</p> <p><i>Education organisations, employers and students are clear on the scope of the work-based learning tasks which will be undertaken and the methods of assessment. Where employers are involved in</i></p>	has a reliable, fair and inclusive admissions system.	that these will take account of special educational needs and disabilities and how they will impact access to work-based learning opportunities.	Admissions Policy
		works in partnership with other organisations, it has in place effective arrangements to ensure that the academic experience is high-quality		

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<p><i>assessment, appropriate training is given, and the usual mechanisms of standardisation, moderation and external examination are used. Education organisations and employers have formal agreements in place which ensure that the academic experience is high-quality. Where research degrees are undertaken through work-based learning, education organisations ensure that students have an equitable opportunity to those researching in the education organisation.</i></p> <p>From admission through to completion, all students are provided with the support that they need to succeed in and benefit from higher education.</p> <p><i>Students on courses that include, or are solely based on, work-based learning will have access to all support provided to those on other modes of study. Where relevant, additional support to meet specific needs of work-based learning students will be provided.</i></p>	<p>irrespective of where or how courses are delivered and who delivers them.</p> <p>has fair and transparent procedures for handling complaints and appeals which are accessible to all students.</p>	<p>that students are supported by both the education organisation and the employer and understand the different roles of the provider, employer and themselves. Students have an ultimate right of complaint to the education organisation, the employer and, where relevant, other external organisations; guidance is given on when and how the relevant process(es) can be accessed.</p>	<p>Academic Regulations Academic Appeals Procedure Complaints and Resolution Policy and Procedure</p>