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Dear Mr Bateman

Application to register with the Office for Students

In accordance with section 4(5) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (HERA), I am pleased to confirm that the Office for Students (OfS) has decided to register the University of Worcester in the register of English higher education providers (the Register).

On the basis of its assessment, the OfS has decided that your application complies with the requirements put in place pursuant to section 3(5) of HERA and that the initial conditions of registration are satisfied. The OfS has therefore registered the University of Worcester in the Register in accordance with its duty under section 3(3) of HERA.

The following annexes to this letter contain important information about the registration process and set out the requirements in place for registered providers:

- Annex A: Information about this registration decision
- Annex B: Your entry in the Register
- Annex C: Approval of information and documents submitted as part of the registration process
- Annex D: Notice specifying the date of entry in the Register and the ongoing conditions of registration
- Annex E: Notice specifying a requirement to report to the OfS reportable events
- Annex F: Notice setting out issues that the OfS wishes to draw to your attention

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satisfy all of its ongoing conditions of registration and I would therefore be grateful if you

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Chief executive ±Nicola Dandridge CBE

would ensure that your governing body receives and is able to discuss this letter and its annexes.

If you have any questions about this letter please contact a member of the Registration team at registration@officeforstudents.org.uk or 0117 931 7488.

Yours sincerely



Nicola Dandridge
Chief Executive

Annex A

Information about this registration decision

The status of the registration decision

1. The decisions that the OfS has reached during the initial registration and assessment process, and its assessment that the initial conditions of registration are satisfied, are not intended to have any enduring status and should not be relied on in connection with your future compliance with the ongoing conditions of registration. This is because the decisions reached were based on the judgment made at a particular point in time and in the context of the limited factual and contextual information available at that point in time (the original judgment). You should therefore note that the OfS reserves the right to reach a different view on matters relating to compliance with the ongoing conditions of registration at any future point of time (for forward looking purposes). For example, a different view may be reached on the basis of new information, any changes in relevant circumstances (including market conditions), or more in-depth analysis of information which existed at the time of the original judgment.

Communication of this registration decision

2. You may refer to your registered status on your website or in other promotional material. You may remove any caveats you have previously included in advertising material about access to the student support system for students beginning courses in 2019-20. However, registration with the OfS is not an award and you should not use your registration status for competitive advantage, for example, while the initial registration process is ongoing by claiming that it is a mark of excellence that other providers do not yet hold. Making misleading or unauthorised claims about the status and effect of being registered could breach the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

Maintaining your registration

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4. In the meantime, the requirements previously set out for the transition period will apply. For the University of Worcester these are set out in Regulatory Notice 2: Regulation up to 31 July 2019 of providers that were previously funded by HEFCE¹.

¹ <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/regulatory-notice-2-regulation-up-to-31-july-2019-of-providers-that-were-previously-funded-by-hefce/>

Current TEF rating	Silver
Type of degree awarding power held	Research
Date of award of degree awarding powers	2010
Does the provider deliver validated provision on behalf of another provider?	No
Does the provider deliver sub-contracted provision on behalf of another provider?	No
Does the provider have the right to use the name of a university?	Yes
Date of award of the right to use the name of a university	2005
How did the provider gain the right to use 'university' in its title?	Privy Council

3. Any specific ongoing registrations are set out in Annex D of this letter and these will also be listed in the Register.
4. The OfS will publish further information about each provider in the Register in due course as set out in paragraph 72 of the regulatory framework.

Annex C

Approval of information and documents submitted as part of the registration process

Approval of your accountable officer

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- ii. having any form of enduring status
- iii. being given for any purposes beyond the OfS's conditions of registration and applicable provisions of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017, including but not limited to laws or legislation relating to consumer protection.

Student protection plan

- 4. During the initial registration and assessment process the OfS approved your student protection plan as it considered the plan to provide adequate mitigation for the risks to continuity of study for your students.
- 5. You are required to publish the approved plan on your website.
- 6. Further guidance about the OfS's Student Protection Plan, published during 2018-19 to address a number of common weaknesses that were found during the registration process. For example, a significant number of plans did not:
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 - DERXW WKH VSHFLILF ULVNV IDFHG E\ D SURYLGHU¶V VWX
 - offered if these risks crystallised;
 - ‡ FRQVLGHU DQG DGGUHVV WKH SDUWLFXODU FLUFXPVWD

C1: Guidance on consumer protection law	from date of registration
C2: Student complaints scheme	from 1 August 2019
C3: Student protection plan	from date of registration
D: Financial viability and sustainability	from 1 August 2019
E1: Public interest governance	from 1 August 2019
E2: Management and governance	from 1 August 2019
E3: Accountability	from date of registration
E4: Notification of changes to the Register	from date of registration
E5: Facilitation of electoral registration	from 1 August 2019
F1: Transparency information	from 1 August 2019
F2: Student transfer arrangements	from 1 August 2019
F3: Provision of information to the OfS	from date of registration
F4: Provision of information to the designated data body	from date of registration
G1: Mandatory fee limit	from 1 August 2019
G2: Compliance with terms and conditions of financial support	from 1 August 2019
G3: Payment of OfS and designated body fees	from 1 August 2019
Z1: Transition condition of registration	from date of registration to 31 July 2019

Specific ongoing conditions of registration
