

P-05-884 Amendment to Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018 to include UK institutions with operations overseas, Correspondence – Petitioner to Chair, 25.08.19

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Dear Chair,

I am writing this letter in response to Kirsty Williams AC/AM's letter dated 11 July 2019 regarding Petition P-05-884 Amendment to Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018 to include UK institutions with operations overseas.

Ms Williams' letter focuses on the fact the University of London Institute in Paris (ULIP) isn't regulated as it isn't on the Register maintained by the Office for Students. As you are already aware from the previous meeting, ULIP is affiliated with Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) and tuition fees are paid to QMUL and some lecturers and professors travel to ULIP from QMUL on a weekly basis to teach. It is worth noting that QMUL is on the Register. This Register can be easily found on the Office for Students' website. According to the Head of Student, Academic and External Services, ULIP is covered through a validating partner (QMUL) and this is why students can continue to receive Student Loan Company support.

As a student of ULIP, I am unable to apply for Specific Designation for ULIP. However, I have passed this information onto the relevant staff at ULIP and it is up to them whether they believe that they need to apply for Specific Designation or that their affiliation with QMUL is enough to satisfy that they are regulated.

Yours sincerely,
Alanna Jones