The OfS approach to transnational education

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Who we are and what we do

• The independent regulator for higher education in England
• We aim to ensure that every student, whatever their background, has a fulfilling experience of higher education that enriches their lives and careers
• Our work covers all students:
  • undergraduate or postgraduate
  • young or mature
  • full-time or part-time
  • transnational education

Data led
Risk based
Outcomes focused
Principles based
The OfS and transnational education

- TNE courses are a substantial part of the English and UK-wide higher education sector
- Students and other stakeholders, whether in England or elsewhere, can have the same confidence in the minimum requirements for quality and standards of those courses as they can have in courses delivered within the UK.
How we regulate TNE

- Students studying with registered providers through TNE arrangements benefit from the same regulatory protections as students studying in England.

- We receive information about the TNE provision of English providers through:
  - Reportable events
  - Third party notifications
  - Aggregate offshore record (AOR)