

University of Cumbria: Specific ongoing condition B3A

The University of Cumbria ('the Provider') was registered on 14 November 2018.

The Provider was selected for assessment of its performance in relation to **Condition B3** in 2022.

The outcome of the assessment is that the OfS has deemed the Provider:

- compliant with **Condition B3** in respect of Continuation, full-time, first degree, business and management outcomes
- compliant with **Condition B3** but at increased risk of breach in respect of its Continuation, part-time, postgraduate taught masters' outcomes.

The OfS has therefore imposed requirements to ensure that the interests of current and future students, and the interests of the taxpayer, are protected.

The primary reasons for this are:

- a. The Provider's performance in respect of its Continuation, part-time, postgraduate taught masters' outcomes has been below the **Relevant Numerical Threshold**.
- b. The actions the Provider has taken have not yet led to sustained improvement in performance at or above the **Relevant Numerical Threshold**.

To mitigate the risks associated with this increased risk of breach, the OfS has imposed Specific Condition B3A.

B3A Notice to improve outcomes for students

B3A.1 The Provider must continue to take actions to sustain improvement in relation to the **Relevant Indicator** which includes the following:

- i. Identification of targeted actions, supported by adequate resource (where these have not already been established by the provider's existing improvement plans), to sustain improved outcomes in relation to the **Relevant Indicator** within the **Relevant Timescale**;
- ii. Established arrangements for periodically reviewing the implementation and effectiveness of any targeted actions and, where appropriate, identifying and implementing new targeted actions required to sustain improved outcomes in relation to the **Relevant Indicator** within the **Relevant Timescale**.

B3A.2 Thereafter, the Provider must take such targeted actions as set out at B3A.1 above, and any other targeted actions subsequently identified through its periodic reviews, so that its

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performance in relation to the **Relevant Indicator** is at or above the **Relevant Numerical Thresholds** within the **Relevant Timescale**.

B3A.3 Where the Provider's performance in relation to the **Relevant Indicator** is not at or above the **Relevant Numerical Thresholds** within the **Relevant Timescale**, before deciding that the Provider is in breach of this condition, the OfS will consider whether the Provider's context otherwise justifies its performance.

B3A.4 The Provider must keep complete and accurate records of activities carried out in accordance with B3A.1, and the actions it takes to improve outcomes in relation to the **Relevant Indicator** until the OfS has completed its assessment of performance set out in B3A.8 below. Any such records must be provided to the OfS on request.

B3A.5 The Provider's compliance with this condition does not in any way affect the ability of the OfS to take regulatory and/or enforcement action in respect of the Provider's compliance with any other condition of registration, including (but not limited to) ongoing Condition B3.

Timing and monitoring

B3A.6 The OfS may undertake periodic reviews of the actions taken by the Provider to improve its outcomes in relation to the **Relevant Indicator**. We will identify whether any further information is to be requested from the Provider following the annual publication of OfS student outcomes dashboards, or on receipt on any other relevant regulatory intelligence. The Provider must take all reasonable steps to provide any additional information requested by the OfS.

B3A.7 The OfS will undertake an assessment of the Provider's performance, in line with the guidance in Regulatory advice 20, in relation to the **Relevant Indicator**, following the publication of OfS student outcomes dashboards in spring 2027. The Provider must ensure targeted actions are completed before it submits data for the spring 2027 student outcomes dashboards in July 2026.

B3A.8 If, following this assessment, the OfS judges that the Provider remains at increased risk of breach of, or in breach of **Condition B3**, the OfS reserves the right to take further regulatory action.

Definitions

B3A.9 For the purposes of this condition:

'**Condition B3**' means the condition set out in the OfS's regulatory framework.

'**Relevant Indicator**' means the following indicator defined in 'Description of student outcome and experience measures used in OfS regulation' or similar documents published by the OfS (and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes a consideration of any related split indicators):

- Continuation, part-time, postgraduate taught masters'

'**Relevant Timescale**' means by 31 July 2026, so that student outcomes data is reflected in OfS dashboards published in spring 2027.

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'Relevant Numerical Threshold / Relevant Numerical Thresholds' mean the numerical thresholds set by the OfS in respect of the **Relevant Indicator**, namely:

- 'Continuation for part-time, postgraduate taught masters' students' – 65%.