

██████████ – Pensions Policy Officer
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Royal Liver Building,
Liverpool, L3 1PY

25 October 2017

Dear ██████████

Further to our correspondence and receipt of our formal application for the Office for Students (OfS) to be admitted to the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS), you have requested a letter to confirm that we will guarantee liabilities from HEFCE and OfS due to the USS.

Following the creation of the OfS, which will be a new public body established under the Higher Education and Research Act 2017, all assets and liabilities from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) will transfer to the OfS via a property transfer scheme, and staff will transfer to the OfS via a staff transfer scheme. Both transfer schemes are provided for in the legislation.

We have requested that the Scheme Trustees agree to transfer liabilities relating to HEFCE members to the OfS and apportion liabilities to the OfS to enable employees of HEFCE to continue to participate in the scheme as employees of the OfS. DfE will ensure that any successor body which assumes the functions of the OfS takes on any pension deficit liabilities due to the USS. The Department for Education (DfE) will also guarantee both (i) liabilities due to the USS built up by HEFCE prior to its cessation which have been estimated to be £2.3m as at October 2017, and (ii) any future liabilities due to the USS built up by OfS in the event that there is winding up of the OfS or any such successor body, and no other body assumes the OfS' functions. As part of our guarantee we will require you to submit to us an estimate of the liability on an annual basis or a suitable alternate frequency to be agreed with DfE.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact ██████████ (██████████ [@education.gov.uk](mailto:██████████@education.gov.uk): 07 ██████████).

Yours sincerely

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