

## **The Higher Education (Fee Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2026**

Merit Scrutiny point 1:

The Higher Education (Fee Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2026, together with their underlying policy and their place within the wider regulatory framework established by the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022, can be understood without requiring reference to the detailed definitions of qualifying persons and qualifying courses.

These Regulations are intended to set out the fee limits themselves, while the separate Regulations on Qualifying Courses and Qualified Persons will determine how those limits are applied. As such, the two instruments serve distinct purposes, and it is not essential for them to be laid simultaneously.