

## **Annex G Recognised HE courses**

1. To be included in the HESES11 population and therefore potentially counted in HESES11, a student instance must have a course aim of a recognised HE qualification or an HE-level credit that can be counted towards such a qualification (see subparagraph 3b of Annex F). This annex contains further information on what can be classed as a recognised HE course.
2. Recognised HE courses are those defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 of the Education Reform Act 1988. This includes any postgraduate or undergraduate degree, accredited HE diploma or certificate. Other courses leading to professional or vocational qualifications may be included if they are generally recognised as HE qualifications; this does not include NVQs.
3. Student instances that do not lead, upon successful completion, towards a recognised HE qualification, or HE-level credit that can be counted towards one, are excluded from the HESES11 student population.
4. Foundation years and other provision commonly referred to as 'Level 0', will be classed as part of a 'recognised HE course' only if they are an integrated part of a recognised HE qualification, such that:
  - a. Students are already registered for the recognised HE qualification at the same institution, and
  - b. Progression to the recognised HE qualification is guaranteed, subject to satisfactory completion of the foundation year.
5. Free-standing foundation years and other free-standing Level 0 provision are not recognised HE courses. The requirement that students are already registered for the recognised HE qualification at the same institution means that where teaching of the foundation year is undertaken by a different institution, this will be treated as integrated – and therefore within the HESES population – only if it is done under a franchise arrangement from the institution offering the recognised HE qualification.