

This section of the Handbook sets out the constitutional framework within which the governance of UK HEIs in general, and the University in particular, is conducted.

**Section 2(ii)** gives an introduction to the legal framework and corporate governance of higher education.

**Sections 2(iii) to 2(vii)** consist of pieces of legislation and statutory instruments relevant to the University and are retained from the Third Edition of the Handbook. Despite its new educational status as a University, its legal status as a Higher Education Corporation determines aspects of the University's governance arrangements, in particular the requirement to have a Board of Governors for which provision is made in the Education Reform Act 1988 (Section 2(iii)).

**Section 2(viii)** contains extracts from the Higher Education Act 2004. The extracts included cover provision for variable fees and linked access agreements, and the establishment of the Office of the Independent Adjudicator for Higher Education.

**Sections 2(ix) and 2(xi)** are the Supplementary Orders approved by the Privy Council confirming, respectively, the power to award taught degrees and the granting of University title.

**Section 2(xii)** contains the Southampton Solent University's most recent Instrument and Articles of Government, approved by the Privy Council on 22 June 2015 and adopted by the Board of Governors on 15 July 2015.