UNDER CONDITION F3, FROM THE POINT OF REGISTRATION WITH THE OFS IN SEPTEMBER 2018, THE UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN REQUIRED TO NOTIFY THE OFS OF ANY OF THE REPORTABLE EVENTS AS LISTED BELOW (Extract lifted from the Regulatory Framework)

A reportable event is any event or circumstance that, in the judgement of OfS, materially affects or could materially affect the provider’s legal form or business model, and/or its willingness or ability to comply with its conditions of registration.

Reportable events must be reported to the OfS and include, but are not limited to:

1. A change in the provider’s circumstances, e.g.: a merger, acquisition or material change in the provider’s business model.
2. A change of ownership.
3. A change of control.
4. The provider becoming aware of suspected or actual fraud or financial irregularity.
5. The provider becoming aware of court or legal action. CURRENTLY SUSPENDED (See below)
6. The provider resolving to cease to provide higher education.
7. Regulatory investigation and/or sanction by other regulators, e.g. Charity Commission, Home Office. CURRENTLY SUSPENDED (See below)
8. Loss of accreditation by a Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body. CURRENTLY SUSPENDED (See below)
9. Any new partnerships, including validation or sub-contractual arrangements. CURRENTLY SUSPENDED (See below)
10. Opening a new campus. CURRENTLY SUSPENDED (See below)
11. Intended campus, department, subject or provider closure. CURRENTLY SUSPENDED (See below)
12. Any other material events with possible financial viability or sustainability implications, including but not limited to:
   • a material change in actual or forecast financial performance and/or position.
   • a material change in student numbers that was not included in the provider’s financial forecasts.
   • the sale of significant assets.
   • significant redundancy programmes.
   
   This is not intended to be an exhaustive list and it may be revised periodically to ensure it captures the relevant reportable events.

New reportable events during the COVID-19 pandemic\(^1\) (March 2020, updated July 2020)

13. A provider is required to report to the OfS if a reasonable person in the provider’s position would consider it to be reasonably likely that its liquidity will drop below 30 days’ average expenditure at any point in a 12-month rolling period.
14. Cessation or suspension of delivery of higher education, including the inability to award qualifications or credit.

\(^1\) OfS COVID-19 reportable events guidance.pdf
15. A provider is required to report to the OfS if it has taken, or plans to take, any of the following actions:

- The provider ceases or suspends delivery of any higher education courses to current students where reasonably equivalent alternative study options are not provided.
- The provider is unable to award qualifications or credit for any unit, module or course.
- The provider decides to transfer students between its teaching sites.
- A provider withdraws offers made to applicants due to start a course in or after April 2020.

CURRENTLY SUSPENDED (whilst providers deal with Covid) Removal of existing requirements to report some types of event until further notice

- The provider becoming aware of legal or court action.
- Regulatory investigation and/or sanction by other regulators.
- Any new partnerships, including validation or sub contractual arrangements.
- Opening a new campus.
- Intended campus, department, subject or provider closure.
- The implementation of a student protection plan except where this is covered under ‘cessation or suspension of delivery of higher education’.

If you would like any further help – or if you are aware of a reportable event – please contact Louise on L.Spenceley@sussex.ac.uk