

<b>Committee</b>	Learning, Teaching and Research
<b>Subject</b>	Admissions Policy
<b>Action requested</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For information only <input type="checkbox"/> For discussion <input type="checkbox"/> For recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> For endorsement <input type="checkbox"/> For approval
<b>Brief summary of the paper</b>	<p>The University of the Highlands and Islands operates a fair and open admissions process committed to equality of opportunity and nondiscrimination. All applications are considered on merit and on the basis of ability to achieve, without discrimination on grounds of age, disability, gender identity, pregnancy and maternity status, race, religion and/or belief, sex, sexual orientation or socio-economic background. The university welcomes applications from all prospective students, including those with care experience or who act as carers, and aims to provide appropriate services to students with learning support needs or disabilities.</p> <p>The paper's purpose is to provide applicants, staff and university stakeholders guidance on how admissions to higher education programmes at the University of the Highlands and Islands operates, the admissions process, and responsibilities for ensuring fair and open admissions processes.</p> <p>The paper's scope covers all admissions to undergraduate and taught postgraduate higher education programmes (ie SCQF levels 7 to 11), from UK/EU and non-EU applicants, and is applied across the university partnership</p>
<b>Resource implications</b> (If yes, please provide details)	<p>Yes</p> <p>Staff are required to implement the policy</p>
<b>Risk implications</b> (If yes, please provide details)	<p>Yes</p> <p>The policy is designed to inform potential applicants of our admissions processes ensuring they are appropriately informed of what they can expect and can make the right choices. The policy also ensures the processes are conducted by the university in an effective and fair manner.</p>
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<p><b>Link with strategy</b></p> <p>Please highlight how the paper links to the Strategic Plan, or assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compliance</li> <li>• National Student Survey</li> <li>• partnership services</li> <li>• risk management</li> <li>• other activity [e.g. new opportunity] – please provide further information.</li> </ul>	<p>The university is committed to excellence in learning and teaching and to providing opportunities to all who may benefit, through innovative and inclusive approaches to learning and providing access to all allowing flexibility of entry.</p>
<p><b><u>Equality and diversity</u></b></p> <p>Does this activity/proposal require an Equality Impact Assessment?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>If yes, please give details:</p> <p>Carried out by UHI</p>
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