New National Code

Implementation date: 1 July 2007

Major changes from current National Code:

Monitoring progress
- Progress must be monitored and recorded each study period
- An intervention strategy must identify and deal with students who may not complete in the standard time period

Study load
- Full-time study is no longer a requirement, but students must finish within their Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) period
- The CoE can only be extended for compassionate/compelling reasons, if the intervention strategy has been implemented, or if a deferment or suspension has been approved
- Distance learning is allowed, but to a maximum of 25% of the course, and not 100% in any study period

Attendance
- The idea of monitoring attendance for higher education students has been dropped

New students
- There are some changes to information that must be given to students before enrolment. The information can be provided on the web
- Students must sign a contract before any course money is received
- Providers must nominate dates for which they accept responsibility for students who are under 18

Appeals
- The decision of the external appeals body is now binding
- Students who do not progress satisfactorily, or are to have their enrolments cancelled for other reasons, must be given written notice of a 20-day timeframe in which they can lodge an appeal