



# Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Act 1985

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**ELIZABETH II**



**1985 CHAPTER xx**

An Act to incorporate the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College; to transfer to the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College all rights, properties, assets and liabilities of the Royal Holloway College and Bedford College and to dissolve those colleges; to enact provisions with regard to the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College; and for other purposes.

[16th July 1985]

**W**HEREAS the Royal Holloway College was founded and endowed by Thomas Holloway as a college for women and was opened by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria in 1886 and has been since 1900 a School of the University of London:

And whereas by the Royal Holloway College Act 1949 the 1949 c. xxx. said college was incorporated and the objects, general character, powers and methods of government of the said college were redefined:

And whereas by the Royal Holloway College Act 1962 1962 c. vii. further provisions were enacted with regard to the said college:

And whereas Bedford College was founded in 1849 as a college for women and has been since 1900 a School of the University of London:

And whereas the Chairman, Council and Governors of Bedford College, University of London were incorporated by the name and style of “the Chairman, Council, and Governors of Bedford College for Women” by a charter granted by His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh on 11th January 1909 and supplemental charters were subsequently granted to the College:

And whereas it is expedient that both the said colleges should be merged and that their rights, properties, assets and liabilities should be transferred to a college to be known as the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, incorporated as in this Act provided:

And whereas it is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act should be enacted:

And whereas the purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Citation. 1. This Act may be cited as the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College Act 1985.

Interpretation. 2. In this Act, unless the subject or context otherwise requires—

“the appointed day” means 1st August 1985 or such other date as may be appointed by order of the Secretary of State made on the application of the existing colleges;

“the charters” means the charter constituting Bedford College granted by His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh on 11th January 1909, the supplemental charter granted by His late Majesty King George the Fifth on 29th August 1911 and the supplemental charters granted by Her Majesty on 10th September 1957, 2nd August 1965 and 23rd July 1973;

“the College” means the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College incorporated by this Act;

“the Council” means the Council of the College constituted and appointed as provided by this Act;

“the existing colleges” means the Royal Holloway College and Bedford College;

“the regulations” means the regulations of the College for the time being in force by virtue of the provisions of this Act;

“special resolution” means a resolution passed at one meeting of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council and confirmed at a subsequent such meeting held not less than one month nor more than three months after the former meeting where written notice of each meeting and of the purpose of the meeting has been notified to each member of the Council not less than fourteen clear days before the date fixed for the meeting and the resolution has been passed at each meeting by not less than two-thirds of those present and voting;

“the staff” means all paid employees of the College;

“the statutes” means the statutes of the College for the time being in force by virtue of the provisions of this Act;

“the University” means the University of London.

3.—(1) On the appointed day the existing colleges shall become one body, which shall be known as the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College and shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal. Incorporation of College.

(2) The College shall consist of those persons who are for the time being members of the Council, the staff and students of the College and of such other persons as may be included by or under the provisions of this Act and of the statutes and regulations.

4.—(1) The objects of the College shall be to promote for the public benefit education and scholarship and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, for that purpose to provide instruction leading to degrees of the University, to superintend postgraduate studies and to promote research. Objects of College.

(2) All the functions of the College shall be performed by or through the authorities of the College established by or under the provisions of this Act and the statutes, being the authorities to whose respective jurisdictions those functions are thereby assigned in manner therein provided.

(3) The College may employ and remunerate such staff as the Council may decide on such terms and conditions as the Council think fit subject, in so far as Appointed Teachers of the University are concerned, to the statutes and regulations of the University.

(4) The College may promote and maintain superannuation and pension schemes and may grant pensions and allowances or

pay compensation in lieu thereof to members and former members of the staff of the College or of the existing colleges and their respective dependants.

(5) Subject to consultation with the University, the College may enter into any agreement or arrangement on such terms and conditions as the Council thinks fit with any other college or any national or local authority, school, institution, association or other body whatsoever (whether incorporated or not) for co-operating with or assisting or being assisted by such body in any manner and for any purpose which is consistent with the objects of the College and approved by the Council.

(6) The College may do all such other things as are incidental or the Council may think conducive to the attainment of the objects of the College.

Visitor. 5. There shall be a Visitor of the College appointed by the Council for such period of office as the Council may determine.

Council. 6.—(1) There shall be a Council of the College which, subject to the provisions of this Act, shall be the governing and executive body of the College and shall exercise all the powers of the College save to the extent that this Act and the statutes otherwise provide.

(2) The Council shall conduct the general business of the College consistently with the provisions of this Act and the statutes and of the statutes and regulations of the University:

Provided that the Council shall not make any decision on any question of educational policy or make regulations on any matters having academic implications until the Academic Board has expressed an opinion on such questions or matters and until the Council has considered any opinion so expressed.

(3) There shall be elected from among the members of the Council a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman of the Council neither of whom shall be—

(a) in the employment of the College or of the University or of a School of the University; or

(b) a student of the College;

and the manner of election, period of office, powers and duties of each of them shall be as prescribed by the statutes and the regulations.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the constitution of the Council, its powers and duties, the manner of appointment or election to office of its members and the manner of filling vacancies in its membership shall be as prescribed by the statutes and regulations.

(5) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council may delegate or otherwise arrange for the discharge of any of its powers and duties as it may think fit.

7.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council may Statutes.  
by special resolution make statutes for the administration of the property and revenues of the College and the conduct of the College's affairs and may in like manner amend or revoke any such statutes (including the first statutes of the College).

(2) The Council before making, amending or revoking a statute shall take such steps as are in its opinion best adapted for facilitating the making of representations to it with respect to the proposal by or on behalf of any bodies or persons appearing to it to be directly affected by the proposal and shall consider any representations made to it by or on behalf of any such bodies or persons. In particular no statute which affects academic policy or the remuneration and conditions of appointment of the academic teaching staff shall be made, amended or revoked until the Academic Board has been consulted.

(3) The Council before making, amending or revoking a statute shall consult the University.

(4) No statute made by the Council shall be repugnant to the statutes and regulations of the University.

(5) The making, amendment or revocation of statutes by the Council shall not be effective until confirmed by order of the Privy Council.

(6) The statutes set out in the Schedule to this Act shall be the first statutes of the College.

8. Subject to the provisions of this Act and the statutes, and Regulations.  
to the provisions of the statutes and regulations of the University, the Council may make such regulations as it considers necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the College or for the conduct of its meetings or affairs and for all other matters relating to the Council. Such regulations may amend or revoke regulations from time to time in force.

9. There shall be an Academic Board whose members shall Academic  
be as prescribed by the statutes and it shall, subject to the Board.  
powers of the Council prescribed in this Act and the statutes, be the body responsible for the academic work of the College in teaching and examining and in research. It may also advise the Council on the general management of the College.

Transfer of  
property to  
College.

**10.**—(1) All property, real and personal, of every description (including things in action) and all rights and privileges of the existing colleges which immediately before the appointed day belonged to or were vested in or exercisable by the existing colleges shall on the appointed day, subject to the provisions of this Act, without any conveyance, transfer, assignment or other instrument, be transferred to and vested in, or be exercisable by, the College for all the estate and interest therein of the existing colleges.

(2) Any property or funds and any income from property or funds which immediately before the appointed day were held on behalf of the existing colleges for any special purpose shall after the appointed day be held by the College for such special purpose.

Transfer of  
liabilities, etc.,  
to College.

**11.** All debts and liabilities of the existing colleges shall on the appointed day be transferred and attached to the College and shall thereafter be discharged and satisfied by the College.

Savings for  
agreements,  
deeds, actions,  
etc.

**12.** All agreements, appointments, awards, contracts, deeds and other instruments, and all actions and proceedings and causes of actions or proceedings, which immediately before the appointed day were existing or pending in favour of, or against, the existing colleges shall on and from the appointed day continue and may be carried into effect, enforced and prosecuted by, or in favour of, or against, the College to the same extent and in like manner as if the College instead of the existing colleges had been party to, or interested in, the same respectively.

Construction  
of bequests in  
favour of  
existing  
colleges.

**13.** Any scheme, will, deed or other instrument, whether made or executed before, on or after the appointed day, which contains any bequest, gift or trust or other benefit in favour of either of the existing colleges shall, on and after the appointed day, be read and have effect as if the College were named therein instead of that existing college.

Continuation  
of  
employment.

**14.**—(1) On the appointed day every member of the staff of each of the existing colleges shall by virtue of this Act become a member of the staff of the College and shall continue to enjoy terms and conditions of employment or engagement not less favourable than those enjoyed immediately prior to the appointed day.

(2) Employment of members of the staff to which subsection (1) above applies shall be deemed for all purposes to be a single continuing employment.

15. The College and any institution which is for the time being administered by or on behalf of the College, being an institution established for the general purposes of, or for any special purpose of, or in connection with, the College, shall be an exempt charity within the meaning, and for the purposes, of the Charities Act 1960.

College to be exempt charity.

1960 c. 58.

16.—(1) On the appointed day the existing colleges shall by virtue of this Act be dissolved and cease to exist.

Dissolution of existing colleges.

(2) Without prejudice to anything previously done or suffered, on the appointed day the charters shall be revoked and the Royal Holloway College Acts 1949 and 1962 shall be repealed.

17. The costs, charges and expenses of, and incidental to, the preparing for, obtaining and passing of this Act, or otherwise in relation thereto, shall be paid by the College out of the funds of the College.

Costs of Act.





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