



## UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS LONDON – LEGAL STATUS

The University's correct legal title is University of the Arts, London. It is usually abbreviated in legal documents to simply UAL.

UAL comprises 6 colleges: these colleges do not have separate legal identities.

The University of the Arts, London is a Higher Education Corporation, established by virtue of Section 121 of the Education Reform Act 1988. Statutory Instrument 1988 No.1799 acknowledges that the University is such a body (listed under its former name of the London Institute).

In May 2004, by Order of the Privy Council, the institution changed its name to the University of the Arts, London.

As a Higher Education Corporation, the University is an exempt charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 1993. As a result, the University is not required to register with the Charity Commission, and therefore, has no registered charity number. In addition, UAL is not a company and accordingly is not, and cannot, be registered at Companies House under the Companies Acts.

With the implementation of the Charities Act 2006, the Higher Education Funding Council (HEFCE) became the principal regulator under charity law for the University. Since this time, the Higher Education and Research Act (HERA) established the Office for Students, who became the University's regulator in 2018, in place of HEFCE.

As an exempt charity, the University has the same tax benefits as registered charities, which include the ability to recover tax deducted from deeds of covenant and receipts under gift aid, exemption from inheritance tax for donors to institutions as well as exemption from capital gains tax.

Information about exempt charities and their status is available on the [Charity Commission Website](#)

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