

## TR-1: Standard form for notification of major holdings

<b>1a. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached<sup>i</sup>:</b>		Pearson PLC		
<b>1b. Please indicate if the issuer is a non-UK issuer</b> (please mark with an "X" if appropriate)				
Non-UK issuer				<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. Reason for the notification</b> (please mark the appropriate box or boxes with an "X")				
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
An acquisition or disposal of financial instruments				<input type="checkbox"/>
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights				<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) <sup>iii</sup> :				<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation<sup>iv</sup></b>				
Name		BlackRock, Inc.		
City and country of registered office (if applicable)		Wilmington, DE, USA		
<b>4. Full name of shareholder(s)</b> (if different from 3.) <sup>v</sup>				
Name				
City and country of registered office (if applicable)				
<b>5. Date on which the threshold was crossed or reached<sup>vi</sup>:</b>		16/08/2017		
<b>6. Date on which issuer notified (DD/MM/YYYY):</b>		17/08/2017		
<b>7. Total positions of person(s) subject to the notification obligation</b>				
	% of voting rights attached to shares (total of 8. A)	% of voting rights through financial instruments (total of 8.B 1 + 8.B 2)	Total of both in % (8.A + 8.B)	Total number of voting rights of issuer <sup>vii</sup>
Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed or reached	4.52%	1.40%	5.93%	823,048,609
Position of previous notification (if applicable)	5.09%	0.82%	5.92%	

**8. Notified details of the resulting situation on the date on which the threshold was crossed or reached<sup>viii</sup>**

**A: Voting rights attached to shares**

Class/type of shares ISIN code (if possible)	Number of voting rights <sup>ix</sup>		% of voting rights	
	Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)	Direct (Art 9 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.1)	Indirect (Art 10 of Directive 2004/109/EC) (DTR5.2.1)
GB0006776081		37,269,711		4.52%
<b>SUBTOTAL 8. A</b>	37,269,711		4.52%	

**B 1: Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (a))**

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date <sup>x</sup>	Exercise/ Conversion Period <sup>xi</sup>	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/converted.	% of voting rights
Securities Lending			11,296,212	1.37%
<b>SUBTOTAL 8. B 1</b>			11,296,212	1.37%

**B 2: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC (DTR5.3.1.1 (b))**

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date <sup>x</sup>	Exercise/ Conversion Period <sup>xi</sup>	Physical or cash settlement <sup>xii</sup>	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
CFD			Cash	250,338	0.03%
<b>SUBTOTAL 8.B.2</b>				250,338	0.03%

<b>9. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation</b> (please mark the applicable box with an "X")			
Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer <sup>xiii</sup>			
Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity <sup>xiv</sup> (please add additional rows as necessary)			X
Name <sup>xv</sup>	% of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	% of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold
See Attachment			

<b>10. In case of proxy voting, please identify:</b>	
Name of the proxy holder	
The number and % of voting rights held	
The date until which the voting rights will be held	

<b>11. Additional information<sup>xvi</sup></b>
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<b>Place of completion</b>	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
<b>Date of completion</b>	17 August, 2017

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18 August 2017

**Section 9 Attachment**

Name <sup>xv</sup>	% of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	% of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC			
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC			
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.			
BlackRock Fund Advisors			
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.			
BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC			
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited			
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			

BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.			
BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC			
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited			
BlackRock Cayco Limited			
BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited			
BlackRock Japan Holdings GK			
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC			
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC			
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.			
BlackRock Fund Advisors			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			

BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC			
BlackRock Canada Holdings LP			
BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC			
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
Trident Merger, LLC			
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			

BlackRock International Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.			
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.			
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited			
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG			
BlackRock, Inc.			

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.			
BlackRock Advisors, LLC			
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.			