STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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EDUCATION

The Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

Made - - - -	*19th September 2006*
Coming into operation	*20th September 2006*

The Department for Employment and Learning (**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3 and 8(4) of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 (**2**) and now vested in it (**3**) makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and shall come into operation on 20th September 2006.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Education (Student Support) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (**4**).

Amendment of the principal Regulations

3. The principal Regulations shall be amended as provided by regulations 4 to 15.

4. In regulation 1 (Citation and commencement) after the word "on" there shall be inserted "1st September".

5.—(1) Regulation 16 (Availability of fee loans to new system students – general) shall be amended as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In paragraph (2) the words "or (b)" shall be omitted.

(3) In paragraph (5) for the words "regulation 17, 18 or 19" there shall be substituted "regulation 17, 17A, 18 or 19".

(**1**) Formerly known as the Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment; *see* the Department for Employment and Learning Act (Northern Ireland) 2001 c. 15
(**2**) S.I. 1998/1760 (N.I. 14) as amended by the Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c.21), section 147(3)(a) and (b)
(**3**) S.R. 1999 No. 481*see* Article 5(b) and Schedule 3 Part II
(**4**) S.R. 2006 No. 312

6. For Regulation 17 (Standard entitlement of new system students who have not studied on a previous course) there shall be substituted—

"**17.** "Subject to regulation 17A, the standard entitlement of a new system student who has not studied on a previous course is calculated as follows—

$OD+1$

where

OD is the number of academic years that make up the ordinary duration of the current course."

7. After regulation 17 there shall be inserted—

"**Standard entitlement – course leading to degree in social work**

17A.—(1) Where the current course is a course leading to a degree in social work at an educational institution in Northern Ireland, the standard entitlement of a new system student is as follows—

$OD+1$

where

OD is the number of academic years that make up the ordinary duration of the current course.

(2) Paragraph (1) also applies where—

(a) the current course in relation to that student falls under paragraph (a) of the definition of "end-on course"; or

(b) the student has studied on a previous course other than a course mentioned in sub-paragraph (a).

(3) Where this regulation applies, regulations 18 and 19 do not apply."

8. In regulation 19 (Standard entitlement of new system students on end-on courses and certain degree courses), in paragraph (2) after the words "Regulations 17" there shall be inserted ", 17A".

9.—(1) Regulation 23 (End-on courses) shall be amended as provided by paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) After paragraph (4) there shall be inserted—

"(4A) Notwithstanding paragraph (4) (a) an old system student qualifies for fee support in respect of a course leading to a degree in social work at an educational institution in Northern Ireland."

(3) At the beginning of paragraph (7) there shall be inserted "Subject to paragraph 7A, ".

(4) After paragraph (7) there shall be inserted—

9.—"(7A) The standard entitlement of an old system student to whom paragraph (3) (a) applies whose course is a course leading to a degree in social work at an educational institution in Northern Ireland is calculated as follows—

$OD+1$

where

OD is the number of academic years that make up the ordinary duration of the current course."

10. In regulation 24 (Gap year students who have not studied on a previous course), after paragraph (2) there shall be inserted—