STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 296

EDUCATION

Education (Student Support) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

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Coming into operation	*6th October 2000*

The Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3 and 8(4) of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(**1**) and now vested in it(**2**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Student Support) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 6th October 2000.

Amendment of the Education (Student Support) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

2. The Education (Student Support) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(**3**) shall be amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 9.

3.—(1) In regulation 2(1) insert in the appropriate place the following definition:

""end-on course" means—

(a) a course mentioned in paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, which a student begins to attend immediately after ceasing to attend a course mentioned in paragraph 2 or 3 of Schedule 2 (disregarding any intervening vacation) for which the student received or was entitled to receive a transitional award, a loan under the 1998 Regulations, or support under the 1999 Regulations; or

(b) a course for the initial training of teachers mentioned in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 the duration of which does not exceed two years (a part-time course being treated as its full-time equivalent), which a student begins to attend immediately after ceasing to attend a course mentioned in paragraph 1 or 4 (but only where the course leads to a first degree)

(**1**) S.I. 1998/1760 (N.I. 14)
(**2**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 5(*b*) and Part II of Schedule 3
(**3**) S.R. 2000 No. 213, amended by S.R. 2000 No. 254

of Schedule 2 (disregarding any intervening vacation) for which the student received or was entitled to receive a transitional award, a loan under the 1998 Regulations, or support under the 1999 Regulations;".

(2) In regulation 2(3) substitute for the words "military and air forces and of the Royal Navy forces" the words "naval, military or air forces of the Crown".

4. In regulation 10(4)(*a*) substitute for the words "except where the previous course was one leading to a first degree within paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 and the eligible student did not successfully complete it; or" the following:

"except where the previous course was a course—

(i) leading to a first degree within paragraph 4 of Schedule 2, or

(ii) for the initial training of teachers referred to in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 the duration of which does not exceed two years (a part-time course being treated as its full-time equivalent)

and the eligible student did not successfully complete it; or".

5. In regulation 12(3)(*a*) after the words "Republic of Ireland" insert the words "or with a primary care trust in the United Kingdom".

6. In regulation 15(10)—

(a) at the end of the definition of "child" insert the words "and, in the case of a student in respect of whom the first academic year of the course (not being an end-on course) begins on or after 1st September 2000 and who falls within paragraph 3(1)(*a*) of Part II of Schedule 3, any child of his partner who is dependent on him"; and

(b) after the definition of "dependent" insert the following definition:

""partner" means a woman ordinarily living with a man student as his wife or a man ordinarily living with a woman student as her husband;".

7.—(1) In regulation 16(1)—

(a) substitute for the words "for school meals" the words "under this regulation"; and

(b) after the words "if the child" insert the words "is either aged three or four during the relevant school year or".

(2) In regulation 16(5) for the definition of "relevant school year" substitute the following definition:

""relevant school year" means—

(a) in the case of a child who attends a grant-aided school, the school year whose beginning is closest to the beginning of the academic year in respect of which the eligibility for grant under this regulation is being assessed; and

(b) in the case of a child aged three or four who does not attend such a grant-aided school, the period of 12 months beginning on 1st September which falls closest to the beginning of the academic year in respect of which the eligibility for grant under this regulation is being assessed.".

8. After regulation 21(6) add the following paragraph:

"(7) Where the amount of the hardship loan is determined to be less than £500 under paragraph (4), the student may make one further application for a hardship loan in accordance with the requirements of this regulation, except that the amount of the hardship loan under the second determination when added to the amount under the first determination shall not exceed £500.".

9.—(1) In paragraph 1(1)(*d*) of Schedule 3 add at the end the following words: