STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 50

EDUCATION

Students Awards (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Made---24th February 1998Coming into operation27th March 1998

The Department of Education in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 50(1) and 134(1)(1) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(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 Students Awards (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 27th March 1998.

Amendment of the Students Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

2. In regulation 17(2)(a) of the Students Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**3**), there shall be inserted after "his course":

"or by way of a loan towards his fees or maintenance, which is made or subsidised under the legislation of another member State of the European Community".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Education on

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24th February 1998.

Robson Davison Assistant Secretary

(1) As amended by S.I. 1993/2810 (N.I. 12)Art. 50(1) and Schedule 4 Part II

(2) S.I. 1986/594 (N.I. 3)

(3) S.R. 1997 No. 361

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Students Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 27th March 1998.

Regulation 17 makes provision to the effect that an education and library board is not required to make a payment under regulation 12 of the Regulations in respect of any year in respect of which the student concerned is an assisted student.

Assisted students are those whose total requirements in respect of fees and maintenance as defined are equal to or exceeded by the total of certain payments he receives. Those payments include (in regulation 17(2)(a)) payments in pursuance of any award, bursary or other payment made to the student in respect of the course, but exclude any loan under the Education (Student Loans) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I.1990/1506 (N.I. 11)) as amended, and any "Career Development Loan" made in pursuance of section 2 of the Employment and Training Act 1973 (c. 50), as amended.

In order to avoid discrimination against any European student who may receive a loan under the legislation of another member State of the European Community, these Regulations provide that such loans are similarly to be excluded from consideration when deciding whether a student is an assisted student.