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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2001 No. 278**

**The Social Security (Students and Income-Related Benefits Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001**

**Disregards and deductions**

3.—(1) In sub-paragraph (a) of each of the provisions specified in paragraph (3) for the sum “£255” there shall be substituted the sum “£260”.

(2) For sub-paragraph (b) of each of the provisions specified in paragraph (3) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(b) the sum of £319 towards the costs of books and equipment.”.

(3) The provisions specified for the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (2) (which relate respectively to sums to be disregarded from the calculation of grant income and from student loans) are—

- (a) regulations 53(2A)(1) and 57A(5)(2) of the Housing Benefit Regulations;
- (b) regulations 62(2A)(3) and 66A(5)(4) of the Income Support Regulations;
- (c) regulations 131(3)(5) and 136(5)(6) of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

(4) There shall be inserted as—

- (a) regulation 53(2B) of the Housing Benefit Regulations;
- (b) regulation 62(2B) of the Income Support Regulations;
- (c) regulation 131(3A) of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations,

the following paragraph—

“There shall also be excluded from a student’s grant income—

- (a) any grant of £250 for an only or eldest dependant child payable under regulation 15(1)(c) of the Education (Student Support) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(7) (grants for dependants);
- (b) any grant of £500 in respect of expenditure on travel, books and equipment for the purpose of attending his course which is payable under regulation 15(8) of those Regulations;
- (c) any grant for childcare costs payable under regulation 16 of those Regulations (grants for dependants — childcare costs);

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(1) Paragraph (2A) was substituted by regulation 4(4)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 317 and amended by regulation 4(5) of S.R. 2000 No. 242

(2) Regulation 57A was inserted by regulation 3(9) of S.R. 1990 No. 297 and paragraph (5) was amended by regulation 4(7)(c) of S.R. 2000 No. 242

(3) Paragraph (2A) was substituted by regulation 3(3)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 317 and amended by regulation 2(3)(b) of S.R. 2000 No. 242

(4) Regulation 66A was inserted by regulation 4(7) of S.R. 1990 No. 297 and paragraph (5) was amended by regulation 2(4)(c) of S.R. 2000 No. 242

(5) Paragraph (3) was substituted by regulation 2(3)(b) of S.R. 1999 No. 317 and amended by regulation 3(5)(b) of S.R. 2000 No. 242

(6) Paragraph (5) was amended by regulation 3(6)(c) of S.R. 2000 No. 242

(7) S.R. 2001 No. 277

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- (d) any grant in respect of a lone parent's child care costs which is payable under regulation 4(1)(c) of the Students' Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 1999 and which is specified as such on the student's award notice.”
- (5) In regulation 51(1) of the Housing Benefit Regulations(8) (eligible rent) for the sum “£19·20” there shall be substituted the sum “£19·65”.

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(8) Regulation 51(1) was amended by regulation 4(4) of S.R. 2000 No. 242