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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2004 No. 323**

**EDUCATION**

**The Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students)  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004**

*Made* - - - - *3rd August 2004*  
*Coming into operation* *1st September 2004*

The Department for Employment and Learning<sup>(1)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 3(1) and (2), of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998<sup>(2)</sup> and now vested in it<sup>(3)</sup> and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2004.

(2) In these Regulations, “the Principal Regulations” means the Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001<sup>(4)</sup>.

**Transitional Provisions**

2. These Regulations shall not have effect in relation to an academic year (as defined in regulation 2(6) of the Principal Regulations) which begins before 1st September 2004.

**Amendment of the Principal Regulations**

3.—(1) The Principal Regulations shall be amended as provided in paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In regulation 2(1) for the definition of “Research Council or similar body” there shall be substituted ““Research Council” means a research council mentioned in paragraph (7).”.

(3) In regulation 2(7) –

(a) at the end of sub-paragraph (a), for “Council; and” there shall be substituted “Council.”; and

(b) sub-paragraph (b) shall be omitted.

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(1) Formerly known as the Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment, *see* S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) and 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. 2001 No. 285

(4) In regulation 3(2)(a)(iv), for “similar body” there shall be substituted “the Arts and Humanities Research Board”.

(5) Regulation 9(2)(5) shall be amended by substituting “£5,500” for “£5,370”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Employment and Learning on 3rd August 2004.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001, (“the Principal Regulations”).

Regulation 3(2)(a)(iv) of the Principal Regulations is amended so that it no longer excludes from grant eligibility students who are in receipt of any allowance, bursary or award of similar description from the British Academy. Consequential amendments are made to paragraphs (1) and (7) of regulation 2.

Regulation 9(2) of the Principal Regulations is amended to increase the maximum amount of grant payable from £5,370 to £5,500. This increase will not apply to an academic year beginning before 1st September 2004.