STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2009 No. 329

# **HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES**

The Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges (Amendment No.3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

Made---29th September 2009Coming into operationIst November 2009

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety(1), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 45, 98, 106 and 107(6) of, and paragraphs 1(b) and 1B of Schedule 15 to, the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(2), and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel insofar as they relate to the remission of charges, and in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Personnel insofar as they relate to travelling expenses.

### Citation, commencement and interpretation

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges (Amendment No.3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and shall come into operation on 1st November 2009.

(2) In these Regulations—

"the principal Regulations" means the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004(3); and

"the Income Support Regulations" means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(4).

#### Modification of the Income Support Regulations in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations

**2.**—(1) Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (Modifications of the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987) is amended as provided by paragraph (2).

(2) In Table A, in the modifications of regulation 66A of the Income Support Regulations (treatment of student loans), in the first entry, for "Guide to Student Support issued by the Student

<sup>(1)</sup> See S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(6)

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14); relevant amending Instruments are S.I. 1988/594 (N.I. 2) Article 14 and S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1) Article 34 and Part II of Schedule 5 and S.R. 1999 No.11

<sup>(3)</sup> S.R. 2004 No. 91; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2004 Nos. 156 and 162, S.R. 2005 Nos. 107 and 386, S.R. 2006 Nos. 136, 190 and 333, S.R. 2007 Nos. 264 and 437, S.R. 2008 Nos. 39, 292 and 391 and S.R. 2009 Nos. 52 and 151

 $<sup>(</sup>A) \in \mathbb{R}$  1007 No. 450

<sup>(4)</sup> S.R. 1987 No. 459

Awards Agency for Scotland 2008-2009" substitute "Student Support Information Guide 2009-2010 issued by the Student Awards Agency for Scotland(5)".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety on 29th September 2009



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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel insofar as the foregoing Regulations relate to travelling expenses on 29th September 2009



Adrian Arbuthnot A senior officer of the Department of Finance and Personnel

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves the foregoing Regulations insofar as they relate to the remission of charges. Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 29th September 2009



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(5) The Guide is available on the Student Awards Agency for Scotland website at www.saas.gov.uk

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

### (This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 ("the principal Regulations"), which provide for remission and payment of certain charges which would otherwise be payable under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972 and for payment by the Department of Health, Social Service and Public Safety of travelling expenses incurred in attending a hospital.

In calculating a person's resources and requirements under the principal Regulations in order to establish whether a person can claim entitlement to remission of Health Service charges and the payment of Health Services travelling expenses, a modified version of the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 is used, as set out in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations.

These regulations update the reference to the publication which describes additional loans paid under the Education (Student Loans) (Scotland) Regulations 2007. These loans are disregarded in the calculation of a student's loan income when a person's entitlement to remission of Health Service charges and the payment of Health Services travelling expenses is being established under the principal Regulations.