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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2009 No. 37**

The Education (Student Support)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

PART 4

FEE SUPPORT

CHAPTER 2

TYPES OF FEE SUPPORT AVAILABLE

**Current system students**

15. A current system student (“A”) qualifies for a fee loan in respect of the fees payable by A in connection with A’s attendance on a designated course in accordance with Chapter 3 of this Part.

**Old system students**

16.—(1) An old system student (“A”) qualifies for a grant for fees in respect of the fees payable by A in connection with A’s attendance on a designated course in accordance with Chapter 4 of this Part.

(2) A qualifies for a fee contribution loan in respect of the fees payable by A in connection with A’s attendance on a designated course in accordance with Chapter 5 of this Part.

**Students becoming eligible in the course of an academic year**

17. Where one of the events listed in regulation 18 occurs in the course of an academic year—
- (a) a student may qualify for fee support in accordance with this Part in respect of that academic year provided that the relevant event occurred within the first three months of the academic year; and
  - (b) fee support is not available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.

**Events**

18. The events are—
- (a) the student’s course becomes a designated course;
  - (b) the student or the student’s spouse, civil partner or parent is recognised as a refugee or becomes a person with leave to enter or remain;
  - (c) a state accedes to the European Community where the student is a national of that state or a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 2) of a national of that state;

- (d) the student becomes a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 2) of an EC national;
- (e) the student acquires the right of permanent residence;
- (f) the student becomes the child of a Turkish worker;
- (g) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 2; or
- (h) the student becomes the child of a Swiss national.

**Students to be treated as in attendance on a course**

**19.**—(1) A student to whom this regulation applies is treated as if the student were in attendance on the designated course for the purpose of qualifying for fee support.

- (2) This regulation applies to—
  - (a) a compressed degree student; or
  - (b) a disabled student who—
    - (i) is not a compressed degree student; and
    - (ii) is undertaking a designated course in the United Kingdom or at a relevant institution of higher education in the Republic of Ireland but is not in attendance because the student is unable to attend for a reason which relates to the student’s disability.