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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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

PART 12

SUPPORT FOR PART-TIME COURSES

**Transfer of status**

137.—(1) Where an eligible part-time student transfers to another part-time course, the Department must transfer the student's status as an eligible part-time student to that course where—

- (a) the Department receives a request from the eligible part-time student to do so;
- (b) the Department is satisfied that one or more of the grounds for transfer in paragraph (2) applies; and
- (c) the period of eligibility has not terminated.

(2) The grounds for transfer are—

- (a) the eligible part-time student starts to undertake another designated part-time course at the institution;
- (b) the eligible part-time student starts to undertake a designated part-time course at another institution; or
- (c) after beginning a designated part-time course for a first degree (other than an honours degree) the eligible part-time student is, before the completion of that course, admitted to a designated part-time course for an honours degree in the same subject or subjects at the institution.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), an eligible part-time student who transfers under paragraph (1) is entitled to receive in connection with the academic year of the course to which the student transfers the remainder of the support for which the Department has determined the student qualifies in respect of the academic year of the course from which the student transfers.

(4) The Department may re-assess the amount of support payable after the transfer.

(5) An eligible student who transfers under paragraph (1) after the Department has determined the student's support in connection with the academic year of the course from which the student is transferring but before the student completes that year may not apply for another grant under regulation 129(1)(b) or regulation 133 in connection with the academic year of the course to which the student transfers.

(6) Where a student transfers under paragraph (1), the maximum amount of assistance under regulation 129(1)(a) in respect of the academic years to and from which the student transfers is the amount of assistance with fees available in connection with the course which has the highest intensity of study as defined in regulation 130.