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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations amend the Student Fees (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 (“the 2005 Regulations”) by increasing the basic and higher amounts prescribed in the 2005 Regulations. The amendments come into operation on 1st September 2012.

The 2005 Regulations prescribe the basic and higher amounts which higher education institutions in Northern Ireland may charge by way of tuition fees. Regulation 3 of the 2005 Regulations sets out the basic and higher amounts which ordinarily apply. Regulation 4 sets out the lower basic and higher amounts which apply in respect of an academic year of specified courses.

The 2005 Regulations were last amended by the Student Fees (Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011, which came into operation on 1st September 2011 and are revoked by these Regulations.