STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2017 No. 7

The Education (Student Support) (No.2) (Amendment) and Education (Student Loan) (Repayment) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

"Overpayment of grants and allowances".

22. After regulation 121 (Overpayments), insert—

"Overpayment of distance learning fee loan

- **121A.**—(1) Any overpayment of distance learning fee loan is recoverable by the Department from—
 - (a) the academic authority; or
 - (b) the student in respect of whom the payment of distance learning fee loan was made.
- (2) A student must, if so required by the Department, repay any amount of distance learning fee loan paid in respect of the student which for whatever reason exceeds the amount of distance learning fee loan to which the student is entitled.
- (3) An overpayment of a distance learning fee loan may be recovered from a student under paragraph (1)(b) in whichever one or more of the following ways the Department considers appropriate in all the circumstances—
 - (a) by subtracting the overpayment from any amount on the distance learning fee loan which remains to be paid;
 - (b) by subtracting the overpayment from any kind of grant or loan payable to or in respect of the student from time to time pursuant to regulations made by the Department under Article 3 of the Order;
 - (c) by requiring the student to repay the distance learning fee loan in accordance with regulations made by the Department under Article 3 of the Order;
 - (d) by taking such other action for the recovery of an overpayment as is available to the Department.".