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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2017 No. 7**

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

**Amendment of the Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009**

**50.** In regulation 11 (Timing of payments: general)—

- (a) in paragraph (2), for “A”, substitute “Subject to paragraphs (2A) to (2D), a”; and
- (b) after paragraph (2), insert—

“(2A) Where a borrower obtains a student loan which is a distance learning fee loan or a part-time fee loan, the borrower is not required to repay any part of that student loan until the earlier of—

- (a) the start of the following tax year commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> April after the borrower ceases to be eligible for financial support under regulations made pursuant to Article 3 of the Order whether by reason of having completed that course or otherwise; or
- (b) the start of the following tax year commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> April after the fourth anniversary of the course start date.

(2B) Subject to paragraphs (2C) and (2D), a borrower who obtains a student loan and who changes their mode of study between full-time, (other than a designated distance learning course), and part-time study is required to repay—

- (a) where there is a change from a full-time course to a part-time course, in accordance with paragraph (2A);
- (b) where there is a change from a part-time course to a full-time course before the requirement to repay under paragraph (2A) applies, in accordance with paragraph (2);
- (c) where there is a change from a part-time course to a full-time course and the requirement to repay under paragraph (2A) applies, in accordance with paragraph (2A).

(2C) A borrower who obtains a student loan and who changes their mode of study between a designated distance learning course and a designated part-time course is required to repay in accordance with paragraph (2A).

(2D) A borrower who obtains a student loan and who changes their mode of study, in accordance with the 2009 Regulations, between a designated course, (which is not a designated distance learning course), and a designated distance learning course is required to repay—

- (a) where there is a change from a designated course into a designated distance learning course, in accordance with paragraph (2A);

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- (b) where there is a change from a designated distance learning course into a designated course before the requirement to repay under paragraph (2A) applies, in accordance with paragraph (2);
- (c) where there is a change from a designated distance learning course into a designated course and the requirement to repay under paragraph (2A) applies, in accordance with paragraph (2A).

(2E) Paragraphs (2) to (2D) have effect notwithstanding the fact that a borrower may become eligible for further financial support under regulations made pursuant to Article 3 of the Order.”.