EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which come into force on 1st August 2000, amend the Education (Student Loans) Regulations 1998 ("the principal Regulations"). The principal Regulations govern loans made under the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990, which are mortgage style repayment loans. Such loans are for the most part made to students who began their courses on 1st August 1998. Loans under the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998, repayable through the tax system, are made to students beginning their courses after 1st August 1998.

The definition of "metropolitan police district" is amended so as to refer to the boundaries as they were prior to their amendment by the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (regulation 3).

Regulation 3(4) of the principal Regulations is amended so as to provide expressly that members of the regular armed forces are treated as falling within the temporary employment abroad exemption from the residence conditions in paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations (regulation 4).

These amending regulations also increase the maximum amounts which may be lent in relation to an academic year in line with inflation (regulation 5).