EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations consolidate the Education (Fees and Awards) (Scotland) Regulations 1997 (S.I.1997/93) and certain amending instruments, which are revoked with transitional provisions by the Education (Graduate Endowment, Student Fees and Support) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/148).

In addition to minor and drafting alterations, these Regulations make the changes of substance described below.

The definition of "parent" (including "child") has been clarified. The categories of excepted students have been extended to include nationals of British overseas territories (Schedule 1 paragraph 14). Nationals of EU overseas territories are extended the same treatment as EEA nationals.

Schedule 3 paragraph 6 has been added to make excepted candidates of those people who were born and spent the greater part of their life in a relevant area notwithstanding that they have not resided there in the 3 years prior to the application and definitions of "relevant area" and "an independent student" have been inserted.

Tables of Derivations and Destinations have been prepared identifying individual regulations in these Regulations with the equivalent provisions in the superseded Regulations and vice versa. Copies of the Tables may be obtained from the Scottish Executive, Higher Education and Learner Support Division, Europa Building, 450 Argyle Street, Glasgow, G2 8LG. The Tables have been prepared to assist readers of these Regulations and do not have any legal effect.