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EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Education Support Grants (Amendment)
Regulations 1989**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 1(2) to (4) and (7) and 3(4) of the Education (Grants and Awards) Act 1984(a), and after consulting, in accordance with section 3(5) of that Act, such bodies representing local education authorities as appear to them to be appropriate, the Secretary of State for Education and Science as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales, hereby make the following Regulations, a draft of which has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 3(2) of that Act:-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Education Support Grants (Amendment) Regulations 1989 and shall come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

2. The Education Support Grants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1988(b) are hereby revoked.

3. For regulation 4 of the Education Support Grants Regulations 1984(c) ("the principal Regulations") there shall be substituted the following regulation-

"4.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (3), (4), (5) and (6), grants in respect of approved expenditure incurred before 1st April 1990 shall be payable at the rate of 70 per cent. of such expenditure.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3), (4) and (7), grants in respect of approved expenditure incurred on or after 1st April 1990 shall be payable at the rate of 60 per cent. of such expenditure.

(3) Grants in respect of approved expenditure incurred on or after 1st April 1988 in respect of item 4(a) in the Schedule hereto shall be payable at the rate of 50 per cent. of such expenditure.

(4) Grants in respect of approved expenditure incurred on or after 1st April 1989 in respect of items 2 and 3 in the Schedule hereto shall be payable at the rate of 50 per cent. of such expenditure.

(5) As respects England, grants in respect of approved expenditure incurred on or

(a) 1984 c.11.

(b) S.I. 1988/2037.

(c) S.I. 1984/1098; regulation 4 was substituted by S.I. 1988/2037.

after 1st April 1989, but before 1st April 1990, in respect of item 12 in the Schedule hereto shall be payable at the rate of 50 per cent. of such expenditure.

(6) Grants in respect of approved expenditure in respect of item 18 in the Schedule hereto incurred on or after 1st April 1989 but before 1st April 1990 on the provision of computer hardware or on the provision of staff in posts created on or after 1st April 1989 but before 1st April 1990 shall be payable at the rate of 50 per cent. of such expenditure.

(7) Grants in respect of approved expenditure incurred in respect of item 34 in the Schedule hereto shall be payable at the rate of 70 per cent. of such expenditure.

(8) In this regulation, "approved expenditure" means any expenditure which is approved as provided in regulation 3."

4.—(1) For paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 5 of the principal Regulations, there shall be substituted the following—

"(2) Application for the payment of grant shall relate to expenditure over one or more quarters and shall specify the approved expenditure in respect of which grant is applied for which it is estimated has been or will be incurred by the education authority during each quarter.

(3) Where an application relating to approved expenditure which it is estimated has been or will be incurred during the quarter commencing on 1st January in any year is submitted on or before 15th March in that year a payment equal to half the grant applied for in respect of that expenditure may be made forthwith but no further payment of grant shall be made in respect of that expenditure until an application has been submitted in accordance with paragraph (4)(a)."

(2) In paragraph (4)(b) of regulation 5 of the principal Regulations before the word "certificate" there shall be inserted the words "final unqualified".

5. For the Schedule to the principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following Schedule—

"SCHEDULE

PURPOSES FOR OR IN CONNECTION WITH WHICH GRANTS ARE PAYABLE

1. The management and appraisal of lecturers and school teachers.
2. The teaching of mathematics in schools.
3. The teaching of science and technology as part of primary education.
4. A pilot project devised with one of the following objectives:
 - (a) to provide records of achievement for pupils in secondary schools or students at further education establishments;
 - (b) to improve the quality of education provided in primary schools in urban areas;
 - (c) to improve the quality or the range of the curriculum provided in primary schools in rural areas;
 - (d) to meet the educational needs of persons from ethnic minorities, to promote harmony between different racial groups or in other ways to prepare persons for life in a multi-ethnic society;
 - (e) to improve the use of the spoken word by pupils of compulsory school age;
 - (f) to promote social responsibility in children;
 - (g) to broaden the range of languages learnt by pupils in secondary schools as their first foreign language.
5. The provision of re-training and up-dating courses directed towards the needs of industry and commerce.
6. The development of the use of information technology at further education establishments, by providing equipment, preparing or providing course material and computer software, or training teachers employed at such establishments.

7. The planning, development and co-ordination of provision to meet the educational needs (including the need for guidance) of persons who are unemployed (excluding those currently receiving full-time education).
8. The provision of data-processing equipment, and accessories and software for such equipment, for use in the management of further education establishments and the training of staff in the use of such equipment.
9. Developing the knowledge and appreciation, among pupils in schools in Wales, of the heritage, culture and language of Wales.
10. The development, provision and appraisal of courses of training for school governors.
11. The provision of support for parents in the teaching of children under the age of five with special educational needs.
12. The provision of health education, especially education to combat the abuse of drugs, alcohol and solvents, education about the risks associated with smoking, and education about acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
13. Securing the supervision of pupils in schools at midday.
14. The provision to schools and further education establishments of books and equipment for use on courses leading to an examination for the General Certificate of Secondary Education.
15. The organisation in urban areas of leisure-time activities of vocational benefit to young persons mainly between the ages of 14 and 21.
16. The development and support of methods of learning which do not require regular attendance at educational establishments, including activities connected with the Open College.
17. The provision of computer-aided engineering equipment for engineering courses in further education establishments.
18. The development of the use of information technology in primary and secondary schools through the provision of staff and computer hardware.
19. The preparation and implementation of schemes for financing county and voluntary schools made under section 33 of the Education Reform Act 1988(a).
20. The preparation and implementation of schemes for financing locally funded further and higher education made under section 139 of the Education Reform Act 1988.
21. The development and appraisal of courses of training for governors of further education establishments.
22. The development and improvement of the inspection and advisory services provided by education authorities with a view to—
 - (a) monitoring the quality of education provided by the authority in schools, and
 - (b) providing advice in relation to the national curriculum (as defined in section 2 of the Education Reform Act 1988) and the delegation of financial management pursuant to schemes made under section 33 of that Act.
23. The provision in schools of the basic curriculum (as defined in section 2 of the Education Reform Act 1988).
24. The training of teachers in schools to improve pupils' use and understanding of the English language, with particular reference to the recommendations of the report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Teaching of English Language appointed by the Secretary of State for Education and Science under the chairmanship of Sir John Kingman, published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office in March 1988(b).

(a) 1988 c.40.

(b) ISBN 0 11 270650 9.

25. The training of teachers in Wales to teach Welsh as part of the national curriculum (as defined in item 22(b) above).

26. (i) The provision in urban areas of England of training to enable young people to qualify as youth workers, being training designed primarily for those between the ages of 18 and 25.

(ii) The provision of corresponding training in Wales within the Boroughs of Dinefwr, Llanelli, Blaenau Gwent, Islwyn, Torfaen, Cynon Valley, Merthyr Tydfil, Ogwr, Rhymney Valley, Taff Ely, Brecknock, Lliw Valley, Neath and Port Talbot and the City of Swansea

27. The provision of open learning centres to provide tuition for adults in literacy and numeracy.

28. The improvement of educational guidance services for adults including the development of computer databases of local learning opportunities.

29. The improvement of provision for pupils whose behaviour poses difficulties for schools, and of support services for schools in dealing with such pupils.

30. Action to improve rates of attendance in schools.

31. The devising and implementation of measures to reduce the losses suffered by schools as a result of vandalism, theft and arson.

32. The development of schemes for local recruitment of former teachers and mature entrants to the teaching profession.

33. The promotion of the improved transmission between local education authorities and the Department of Education and Science of information relating to the employment of teachers.

34. The provision of support for the English Districts of the Workers' Educational Association."

21st December 1989

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21st December 1989

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Education Support Grants Regulations 1984 by substituting a new regulation 4 (rate of grant) and a new Schedule listing the purposes for or in connection with which grants are payable.

Under the new regulation 4, the rate of grant payable in respect of approved expenditure incurred before 1st April 1990 is 70 per cent. and on or after that date 60 per cent., subject to exceptions. The rate of grant for approved expenditure is 50 per cent. in the following cases: expenditure incurred on or after 1st April 1988 in respect of item 4(a) in the Schedule (records of achievement); expenditure incurred on or after 1st April 1989 in respect of items 2 and 3 (teaching mathematics in schools and teaching science and

technology as part of primary education); expenditure incurred in England on or after 1st April 1989 but before 1st April 1990 in respect of item 12 (health education); expenditure in respect of item 18 (information technology) incurred on or after 1st April 1989 but before 1st April 1990 on computer hardware or on posts created on or after 1st April 1989 but before 1st April 1990. The rate of grant payable in respect of approved expenditure on item 34 (support for the WEA) is 70 per cent.

A new regulation 5(3) empowers the Secretary of State to make payments of half the grant applied for where estimated claims have been submitted for the final quarter, the other half being paid upon submission of a final claim for expenditure actually incurred.

Item 12 (formerly item 14) in the Schedule has been widened to cover health education generally, especially education to combat the abuse of drugs, alcohol and solvents, education about the risks associated with smoking, and education about AIDS. Item 23 (formerly item 25) in the Schedule has also been widened to cover the provision in schools of the basic curriculum. The old items 12 and 13 have now been deleted and the old item 31 is now subsumed under the new item 12. Six new items have been added as items 29 to 34.

The regulations also revoke the Education Support Grants (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1988, which are superseded by these regulations.