
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Education (Student Support) Regulations 2009

PART 10

SUPPORT FOR FULL-TIME DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Payment of grants for books, travel and other expenditure and disabled distance learning students' allowance

131.—(1) Payments of the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the disabled distance learning students' allowance may be made in such manner as the Secretary of State considers appropriate and the Secretary of State may make it a condition of entitlement to payment that the eligible distance learning student must provide the Secretary of State with particulars of a bank or building society account in the United Kingdom into which payments may be made by electronic transfer.

(2) Where the Secretary of State cannot make a final assessment on the basis of the information provided by the student, the Secretary of State may make a provisional assessment and payment of the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the disabled distance learning students' allowance.

(3) The Secretary of State may pay the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the disabled distance learning students' allowance in instalments.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), the Secretary of State may pay the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the disabled distance learning students' allowance at such times as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

(5) The Secretary of State must not pay the first instalment or, where it has been determined not to pay support in instalments, make any payment of the grant for books, travel and other expenditure or the disabled distance learning students' allowance before the Secretary of State has received a declaration under regulation 125 unless an exception applies.

(6) An exception applies if—

- (a) a disabled distance learning students' allowance is payable in which case that particular grant may be paid before the Secretary of State has received a declaration;
- (b) the Secretary of State has determined that owing to exceptional circumstances it would be appropriate to make a payment without receiving a declaration.