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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2011 No. 1986**

**The Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011**

**PART 11**

**SUPPORT FOR PART-TIME COURSES**

**Interpretation of Part 11**

**136.**—(1) In this Part (except for purposes of regulation 139(1)(e)), the current part-time course is treated as beginning before 1st September 2012 in relation to a student (“A”) where—

- (a) A transfers to the current part-time course pursuant to regulation 151 on or after 1st September 2012 from a designated part-time course beginning before 1st September 2012; or
- (b) the current part-time course is an end-on course of the kind described in paragraph (g) of the definition of “end-on” course in regulation 2.

(2) In this Part,—

- (a) “period ordinarily required to complete the full-time equivalent” means—
  - (i) where the course is provided by or on behalf of the Open University, the period that a standard full-time student would require to complete the full-time equivalent if that student were awarded 120 credit points in each academic year;
  - (ii) where the course is provided by or on behalf of any other institution, the period in which a standard full-time student would complete the full-time equivalent;
- (b) “standard full-time student” is a student who is to be taken—
  - (i) to have begun the full-time equivalent on the same date as the eligible part-time student began the part-time course in question;
  - (ii) not to have been excused any part of the full-time equivalent;
  - (iii) not to have repeated any part of the full-time equivalent; and
  - (iv) not to be absent from the full-time equivalent other than during vacations.

(3) In this Part, the intensity of study is calculated as follows and expressed as a percentage—

$$\frac{PT}{FT} \times 100$$

where

*PT* is the number of modules, credits, credit points, points or other unit to be awarded to the eligible part-time student by the academic authority if the student successfully completes the academic year in connection with which that student is applying for support;

*FT* is—

- (a) where the course is provided by or on behalf of the Open University, 120;

- (b) where the course is provided by or on behalf of any other institution, the number of modules, credits, credit points, points or other unit that a standard full-time student would be required to obtain in each academic year in order to complete the full-time equivalent within the period ordinarily required to complete that course.