This Statutory Instrument, in part, corrects errors in the Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support etc.) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1203) and is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Statutory Instrument.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 669

EDUCATION, ENGLAND

The Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

Made	20th May 2024
Laid before Parliament	22nd May 2024
Coming into force	12th June 2024

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1 and 2 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983(1), sections 22 and 42(6) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998(2) and sections 10(4)(b) and 119(5) of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017(3).

^{(1) 1983} c. 40. Section 1 was amended by paragraph 91 of Schedule 12 to the Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40), paragraph 19 of Schedule 8 to the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13), paragraph 8 of Schedule 9 to the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 (c. 37), paragraph 57 of Schedule 37 to the Education Act 1996 (c. 56), paragraph 11 of Schedule 9 to the Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c. 21) ("the 2000 Act"), paragraph 5 of Schedule 21 to the Education Act 2002 (c. 32), paragraph 9 of Schedule 14 to the Education Act 2005 (c. 18), paragraph 5 of Schedule 5, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 16, to the Education Act 2011 (c. 21) ("the 2011 Act"), paragraph 33 of Schedule 14 to the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20) and S.I. 2005/3238 (W. 243), 2010/1158 and 2010/1080. Section 2 was amended by Schedule 4 to the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30). The functions of the Secretary of State under section 1, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by S.I. 2006/1458 with effect from 8th June 2006. The Secretary of State's functions under the other provisions of the Act were, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by S.I. 1999/672 with effect from 1st July 1999.

^{(2) 1998} c. 30. Section 22 was amended by section 146(2)(a) of, and Schedule 11 to, the 2000 Act, paragraph 236 of Schedule 6 to the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (c. 1), section 147 of the Finance Act 2003 (c. 14), sections 42 and 43 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Higher Education Act 2004 (c. 8) ("the 2004 Act"), section 257 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), section 76 of the 2011 Act and section 88 of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (c. 29) and by S.I. 2013/1881. There are amendments to section 42 but none is relevant to these Regulations. See section 43(1) for the definitions of "prescribed" and "regulations". The functions of the Secretary of State under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 in relation to Wales were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales (except so far as they authorised the making of any provision authorised by subsection (2)(a), (c), (j), (k), (3)(e) or (f) or (5) of that section) by section 44(1) of the 2004 Act.

^{(3) 2017} c. 29. See section 10(9) for the definition of "prescribed".

Citation, commencement, extent and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 and come into force on 12th June 2024.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

(3) The amendments made by regulations 2 to 8 and regulation 20 apply in relation to the provision of support to a student in relation to an academic year which begins on or after 1st August 2024, whether or not anything done under these Regulations is done before, on, or after that date.

(4) In paragraph (3), an "academic year" is the period of twelve months beginning with 1st January, 1st April, 1st July or 1st September of the calendar year in which the academic year of the course in question begins, according to whether the academic year of the course in question begins—

- (a) on or after 1st January and before 1st April;
- (b) on or after 1st April and before 1st July;
- (c) on or after 1st July and before 1st August; or
- (d) on or after 1st August and on or before 31st December.

Amendments relating to the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme

2. In Schedule 1 to the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007(4) (eligible students), in paragraph 1(1)—

- (a) in the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes", after "Ukraine Extension Scheme" insert ", a person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme"(5);
- (b) after the definition of "person granted leave under the Ukraine Family Scheme" insert-
 - "person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme" means a person—
 - (a) who has leave to remain in the United Kingdom under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme; and
 - (b) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since the person was granted such leave;".
- **3.** In regulation 2(1) of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011(6) (interpretation)—
 - (a) in the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes", after "Ukraine Extension Scheme" insert ", a person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme";
 - (b) after the definition of "person granted leave under the Ukraine Family Scheme" insert-

"person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme" means a person—

- (a) who has leave to remain in the United Kingdom under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme; and
- (b) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since the person was granted such leave;".

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 2007/779; the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes" was inserted by S.I. 2022/534.

⁽⁵⁾ On 19th February 2024 the Home Office announced its intention to create the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme which will provide a new route for Ukrainians to apply for a further 18 months' permission to stay in the UK on expiry of their current visa. Applications to the scheme will open from early 2025. Home Office guidance was published on 28 February 2024 and is available at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukraine-permission-extension-scheme-information. A hard copy is available on written request to Home Office, 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF.

⁽⁶⁾ S.I. 2011/1986; the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes" was inserted by S.I. 2022/534.

- 4. In regulation 2(1) of the Further Education Loans Regulations 2012(7) (interpretation)—
 - (a) in the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes", after "Ukraine Extension Scheme" insert ", a person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme";
 - (b) after the definition of "person granted leave under the Ukraine Family Scheme" insert-

""person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme" means a person—

- (a) who has leave to remain in the United Kingdom under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme; and
- (b) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since the person was granted such leave;".

5. In regulation 2(1) of the Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) Regulations 2016 **(8)** (interpretation)—

- (a) in the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes", after "Ukraine Extension Scheme" insert ", a person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme";
- (b) after the definition of "person granted leave under the Ukraine Family Scheme" insert-

""person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme" means a person-

- (a) who has leave to remain in the United Kingdom under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme; and
- (b) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since the person was granted such leave;".

6. In regulation 2 of the Higher Education (Fee Limit Condition) (England) Regulations 2017(9) (interpretation)—

- (a) in the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes", after "Ukraine Extension Scheme" insert ", a person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme";
- (b) after the definition of "person granted leave under the Ukraine Family Scheme" insert-

""person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme" means a person—

- (a) who has leave to remain in the United Kingdom under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme; and
- (b) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since the person was granted such leave;".

7. In regulation 2(1) of the Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans and the Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) (No. 2) etc.) Regulations 2018(10) (interpretation)—

- (a) in the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes", after "Ukraine Extension Scheme" insert", a person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme";
- (b) after the definition of "person granted leave under the Ukraine Family Scheme" insert—

⁽⁷⁾ S.I. 2012/1818; the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes" was inserted by S.I. 2022/534.

⁽⁸⁾ S.I. 2016/606; the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes" was inserted by S.I. 2022/534.
(9) S.I. 2017/1189; the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes" was inserted by S.I. 2022/534.

 ⁽⁹⁾ S.I. 2017/1189; the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes" was inserted by S.I. 2022/534.
 (10) S.I. 2018/599; the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes" was inserted by S.I. 2022/534.

""person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme" means a person—

- (a) who has leave to remain in the United Kingdom under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme; and
- (b) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since that person was granted such leave;".

8. In Schedule 1 to the Higher Education Short Course Loans Regulations 2022(11) (eligible students), in paragraph 1(1)—

- (a) in the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes", after "Ukraine Extension Scheme" insert ", a person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme";
- (b) after the definition of "person granted leave under the Ukraine Family Scheme" insert—

""person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme" means a person—

- (a) who has leave to remain in the United Kingdom under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme; and
- (b) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since the person was granted such leave;".

Amendments relating to eligibility of bereaved partners

9. In Schedule 1 to the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007(12) (eligible students), in paragraph 4E(1)(a), for sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv) substitute—

- "(i) paragraph BP 11.1 of Appendix Bereaved Partner; or
- (ii) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner—
 - (aa) paragraph 288, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 287(b) of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
 - (bb) paragraph 295N, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 295M of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
 - (cc) paragraph D-BPILR.1.1 of Appendix FM (bereaved partners); or
 - (dd) paragraph 36 of Appendix Armed Forces (bereaved partner of a member of HM Forces);".

10. In regulation 2(1) of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011(**13**) (interpretation), in the definition of "person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner", for paragraphs (i) to (iv) (but not the "and" after paragraph (iv)) of sub-paragraph (a) substitute —

"(i) paragraph BP 11.1 of Appendix Bereaved Partner; or

- (ii) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner—
 - (aa) paragraph 288, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 287(b) of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
 - (bb) paragraph 295N, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 295M of those rules were met (bereaved partners);

⁽¹¹⁾ S.I. 2022/349; amended by S.I. 2022/534.

⁽¹²⁾ S.I. 2007/779; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/1203, 2023/74 and 2024/85.

⁽¹³⁾ S.I. 2011/1986; amended by S.I. 2020/1203 and 2023/74.

- (cc) paragraph D-BPILR.1.1 of Appendix FM (bereaved partners); or
- (dd) paragraph 36 of Appendix Armed Forces (bereaved partner of a member of HM Forces);".

11. In regulation 2(1) of the Further Education Loans Regulations 2012(14) (interpretation), in the definition of "person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner", for paragraphs (i) to (iv) (but not the "and" after paragraph (iv)) of sub-paragraph (a) substitute—

- "(i) paragraph BP 11.1 of Appendix Bereaved Partner; or
- (ii) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner—
 - (aa) paragraph 288, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 287(b) of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
 - (bb) paragraph 295N, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 295M of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
 - (cc) paragraph D-BPILR.1.1 of Appendix FM (bereaved partners); or
 - (dd) paragraph 36 of Appendix Armed Forces (bereaved partner of a member of HM Forces);".

12. In regulation 2(1) of the Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) Regulations 2016(**15**) (interpretation), in the definition of "person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner", for paragraphs (i) to (iv) (but not the "and" after paragraph (iv)) of sub-paragraph (a) substitute—

"(i) paragraph BP 11.1 of Appendix Bereaved Partner; or

- (ii) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner—
 - (aa) paragraph 288, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 287(b) of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
 - (bb) paragraph 295N, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 295M of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
 - (cc) paragraph D-BPILR.1.1 of Appendix FM (bereaved partners); or
 - (dd) paragraph 36 of Appendix Armed Forces (bereaved partner of a member of HM Forces);".

13. In regulation 2(bbza) of the Higher Education (Fee Limit Condition) (England) Regulations 2017(**16**) (person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner), in sub-paragraph (i), for paragraphs (aa) to (dd) (but not the "and" after paragraph (dd)) substitute—

- "(aa) paragraph BP 11.1 of Appendix Bereaved Partner;
- (bb) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner, paragraph 288, as a person in relation to whom the requirements of paragraph 287(b) of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
- (cc) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner, paragraph 295N, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 295M of those rules were met (bereaved partners);

⁽¹⁴⁾ S.I. 2012/1818; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/1203 and 2023/74.

⁽¹⁵⁾ S.I. 2016/606; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/1203 and 2023/74.

⁽¹⁶⁾ S.I. 2017/1189; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/1203 and 2023/74.

- (dd) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner, paragraph D-BPILR.1.1 of Appendix FM (bereaved partners); or
- (ee) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner, paragraph 36 of Appendix Armed Forces (bereaved partners);".

14. In regulation 2(1) of the Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans and the Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) (No. 2) etc.) Regulations 2018(17) (interpretation), in the definition of "person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner", in sub-paragraph (a), for paragraphs (i) to (iv) (but not the "and" after paragraph (iv)) substitute—

- "(i) paragraph BP 11.1 of Appendix Bereaved Partner; or
- (ii) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner-
 - (aa) paragraph 288, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 287(b) of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
 - (bb) paragraph 295N, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 295M of those rules were met (bereaved partners);
 - (cc) paragraph D-BPILR.1.1 of Appendix FM (bereaved partners); or
 - (dd) paragraph 36 of Appendix Armed Forces (bereaved partner of a member of HM Forces);".

15. In Schedule 1 to the Higher Education Short Course Loans Regulations 2022(18) (eligible students), in paragraph 1(1), in the definition of "person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner", in paragraph (a), for sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv) (but not the "and" after sub-paragraph (iv)) substitute—

- "(i) paragraph BP 11.1 of Appendix Bereaved Partner, or
- (ii) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of Appendix Bereaved Partner-
 - (aa) paragraph 288, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 287(b) of those rules were met (bereaved partners),
 - (bb) paragraph 295N, as a person in relation to whom the requirements in paragraph 295M of those rules were met (bereaved partners),
 - (cc) paragraph D-BPILR.1.1 of Appendix FM (bereaved partners), or
 - (dd) paragraph 36 of Appendix Armed Forces (bereaved partner of a member of HM Forces),".

Amendments relating to disabled students' allowances

16. In regulation 139B of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011(**19**) (conversion of status from eligible student to eligible part-time student), for paragraph (3) substitute—

- "(3) The following applies to a student ("A") who transfers under paragraph (1)—
 - (a) where the Secretary of State has determined prior to the transfer that A is entitled to disabled students' allowance, that entitlement terminates on the date of the transfer and no payments or further payments (including instalments) of that grant must be made after that date;

⁽¹⁷⁾ S.I. 2018/599; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/1203 and 2023/74.

⁽¹⁸⁾ S.I. 2022/349, there are amendments to Schedule 1 which are not relevant to this provision.

⁽¹⁹⁾ S.I. 2011/1986; regulation 139B was inserted by S.I. 2018/472.

- (b) the Secretary of State must determine whether A is entitled to disabled part-time students' allowance for the remainder of the academic year in which A transfers;
- (c) where in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) the Secretary of State determines that A is entitled to disabled part-time students' allowance, the maximum amount of that grant as set out in regulation 147(6)(a) is reduced by any sums of disabled students' allowance, other than sums in relation to travel costs, paid to A in respect of the academic year in which A transfers;
- (d) where immediately before A became an eligible part-time student A was eligible to apply, but had not applied, for a loan for living costs under Part 6 in respect of that academic year, or had not applied for the maximum amount or increased maximum to which A was entitled under that Part, A may apply for such a loan, or such additional amount of loan, as if A had continued to be an eligible student.".

17. In regulation 139C of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011(20) (conversion of status from eligible part-time student to eligible student), for paragraph (2) substitute—

"(2) The following applies to a student ("A") who transfers under paragraph (1)—

- (a) where the Secretary of State has determined prior to the transfer that A is entitled to disabled part-time students' allowance, that entitlement terminates on the date of transfer and no payments or further payments (including instalments) of that grant must be made after that date;
- (b) the Secretary of State must determine whether A is entitled to disabled students' allowance for the remainder of the academic year in which A transfers;
- (c) where in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) the Secretary of State determines that A is entitled to disabled students' allowance, the maximum amount of that grant as set out in regulation 41(2)(a) is reduced by any sums of disabled parttime students' allowance, other than sums in relation to travel costs, paid to A in respect of the academic year in which A transfers;
- (d) where immediately before A became an eligible student A was eligible to apply, but had not applied, for a loan for living costs under Part 11B in respect of that academic year, or had not applied for the maximum amount or increased maximum to which A was entitled under that Part, A may apply for such a loan, or such additional amount of loan, as if A had continued to be an eligible parttime student.".

Amendments relating to previous receipt of postgraduate master's degree loan

18. In regulation 3(3)(k) of the Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) Regulations 2016(**21**) (eligible students), for paragraph (i) (but not the "or" after it) substitute—

"(i) a loan provided in respect of a course—

- (aa) under the Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) (Wales) Regulations 2017 or under the Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master's Degrees) (Wales) Regulations 2019;
- (bb) designated under regulation 4(1)(b)(i) of the Education (Student Loans) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 or a course under the Student Support (Scotland) Regulations 2022 mentioned in paragraph 10 or 11 of Schedule 4 to those Regulations; or

 ⁽²⁰⁾ S.I. 2011/1986, regulation 139C was inserted by S.I. 2018/472; there are other amendments to the regulations but none are relevant.

⁽²¹⁾ S.I. 2016/606, amended by S.I. 2020/48; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

(cc) under Part 13 of the Education (Student Support) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009;".

Amendments relating to previous receipt of postgraduate doctoral degree loan

19. In regulation 3(3) of the Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans and the Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) (No.2) etc.) Regulations 2018(**22**) (eligible students), for sub-paragraph (l) substitute—

"(1) subject to paragraph (9), A has previously received a loan in respect of a course under the Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans) (Wales) Regulations 2018.".

Amendments relating to maximum fee loans for English domiciled students studying in Wales

20. The Schedule to these Regulations makes provision to substitute amounts specified in the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011.

Barran Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Department for Education

20th May 2024

⁽²²⁾ S.I. 2018/599, there are amendments to regulation 3 but none are relevant to this provision.

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Schedule

Regulation 20

Amendments relating to amounts for student support under the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011

In each provision of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 listed in column 1 of the following table, for the figure listed in the corresponding entry in column 2 (23), substitute the figure listed in the corresponding entry in column 3—

Column 1 (provision in the Regulations)	Column 2 (existing figures)	Column 3 (new figures)
Regulation 23(5ZA)(a)	£9,000	£9,250
Regulation 23(5ZA)(c)	£4,500	£4,625
Regulation 23(5ZA)(e)	£1,800	£1,850
Regulation 23(5ZA)(g)	£1,350	£1,385
Regulation 23(5ZB)(a)	£9,000	£9,250
Regulation 23(5ZB)(c)	£4,500	£4,625
Regulation 23(5ZB)(e)	£1,800	£1,850
Regulation 23(5ZB)(g)	£1,350	£1,385
Regulation 23(6C)(a)	£1,350	£1,385

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply in England only, amend 7 instruments ("the 7 instruments") relating to financial support for students:

- the Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/779),
- the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 2011/1986) ("the Student Support Regulations"),
- the Further Education Loans Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/1818),
- the Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/606) ("the Master's Regulations"),
- the Higher Education (Fee Limit Condition) (England) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1189),
- the Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans and the Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) (No. 2) etc.) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/599) ("the Doctoral Degree Loans Regulations"),
- the Higher Education Short Course Loans Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/349).

⁽²³⁾ Figures substituted by S.I. 2024/85.

Regulations 2 to 8 amend the 7 instruments to include the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme in the definition of "person granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes". A definition of "person granted leave under the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme" is also inserted in the 7 instruments.

Regulations 9 to 15 amend the 7 instruments to make changes to the definition of "person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner" to take into account recent changes to the immigration rules dealing with such persons.

Regulations 16 and 17 make amendments to regulations 139B and 139C of the Student Support Regulations to clarify how disabled students' allowance is dealt with when a student changes their mode of study (from full-time to part-time or vice versa) during an academic year to reflect the policy and operational position.

Regulation 18 makes amendments to regulation 3 of the Master's Regulations to clarify that the eligibility rules regarding postgraduate master's degree loans prevent a student from receiving a master's degree loan if they have already received such funding from one of the devolved administrations unless they can demonstrate compelling personal reasons. Regulation 19 makes similar amendments in respect of regulation 3 of the Doctoral Degree Loans Regulations clarifying that if a doctoral degree loan from the Welsh Government has been provided to a student previously, they are not entitled to a loan under the Doctoral Degree Loans Regulations unless they can demonstrate compelling personal reasons.

Regulation 20 and the Schedule to these Regulations amend provisions in the Student Support Regulations dealing with the maximum fee loans that English domiciled students studying on designated courses provided by or on behalf of publicly funded and regulated institutions in Wales are entitled to receive. The Welsh Government has raised the fee limits for courses in Wales from the 2024/25 academic year. The corresponding fee loan limits in the Student Support Regulations are updated accordingly to ensure students can apply for up-front support to meet the full cost of their tuition in 2024/25.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.