
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

PART 3

Corresponding amendments to other subordinate legislation

CHAPTER 4

The Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) Regulations 2016

Amendments to the Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) Regulations 2016

30. The Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) Regulations 2016⁽¹⁾ are amended in accordance with this Chapter.

Victims of domestic abuse

31.—(1) In regulation 2 (interpretation), in paragraph (1), in the definition of “person granted indefinite leave to remain as a victim of domestic violence or domestic abuse”—

(a) for “leave to remain”, in both places, substitute “leave to enter or remain”;

(b) for sub-paragraphs (i) to (iii), substitute—

“(i) paragraph VDA 9.1 of the Appendix Victim of Domestic Abuse; or

(ii) where such leave was granted before the coming into force of the Appendix Victim of Domestic Abuse, paragraph 289B (victims of domestic violence), paragraph D-DVILR.1.1. of Appendix FM (victims of domestic abuse) or paragraph 40 of Appendix Armed Forces (victims of domestic violence: partners of members of the armed forces);”.

(2) In both regulation 7(2)(g) and paragraph 4C⁽²⁾ of Schedule 1, in each place it occurs, including in the heading to paragraph 4C of Schedule 1, for “leave to remain”, substitute “leave to enter or remain”.

Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy Scheme

32. In regulation 2 (interpretation), in paragraph (1), in the definition of “person granted leave under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy Scheme”, for sub-paragraph (a)(ia), substitute—

“(ia) indefinite leave to enter or indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom under paragraph ARAP 6.1 of Appendix Afghan Relocation and Assistance Policy of the immigration rules;”.

⁽¹⁾ [S.I. 2016/606](#), relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2017/831](#), [2018/599](#), [2019/142](#), [2020/48](#), [2021/1348](#), [2022/57](#), [2022/534](#) and [2023/74](#).

⁽²⁾ Paragraph 4C was inserted by [S.I. 2020/48](#) and amended by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

Termination of eligible student status

33. In regulation 3—

- (a) in paragraph (8A)(b)(3) for the words from “has expired” to the end of sub-paragraph (b), substitute—
 - “has expired and—
 - (i) no further leave to remain has been granted;
 - (ii) no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002); and
 - (iii) the person (A or A’s spouse, civil partner, parent or step-parent) whose refugee status has expired has not become a British or Irish citizen;”;
- (b) in paragraph (8B)(b)(4), after “has been granted” insert “and that person has not become a British or Irish citizen”;
- (c) in paragraphs (8C)(b) and (8D)(b)(5), after “has been granted” insert “and A has not become a British or Irish citizen”;
- (d) in paragraph (8E)(b)(6), for the words from “has expired” to the end of sub-paragraph (b), substitute—
 - “has expired and—
 - (i) no further leave to remain has been granted;
 - (ii) no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002); and
 - (iii) the person (A or A’s spouse, civil partner, parent or step-parent) whose period for which they are allowed to stay in the United Kingdom has expired has not become a British or Irish citizen;”;
- (e) in paragraph (8F)(b)(7), after “has been granted under those rules” insert “and A has not become a British or Irish citizen”;
- (f) in paragraph (8G)(b)(8), after “has expired” insert “and the person (A or S) whose period for which they are allowed to stay in the United Kingdom has expired has not become a British or Irish citizen”;
- (g) in paragraph (8H)(b)(9), after “has been granted” insert “and the person (A or U) whose period for which they are allowed to stay in the United Kingdom has expired has not become a British or Irish citizen”;
- (h) after paragraph (8H) insert—
 - “(8I) Where—
 - (a) the Secretary of State has determined that a person (“A”) is an eligible student by virtue of paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 (long residence) in connection with an application for a postgraduate master’s degree loan for a designated course; and
 - (b) as at the day before the relevant day, the period for which A is allowed to stay in the United Kingdom has expired and—
 - (i) no further leave to remain has been granted;

(3) Paragraph (8A) was inserted by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

(4) Paragraph (8B) was inserted by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

(5) Paragraphs (8C) and (8D) were inserted by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

(6) Paragraph (8E) was inserted by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

(7) Paragraph (8F) was inserted by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

(8) Paragraph (8G) was inserted by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

(9) Paragraph (8H) was inserted by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

- (ii) no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002⁽¹⁰⁾); and
- (iii) A has not become a British or Irish citizen,
A’s status as an eligible student terminates immediately before the relevant day.”;
- (i) in paragraph (9)(b)⁽¹¹⁾, after “protected rights” insert “and has not become a British or Irish citizen”;
- (j) in paragraph (10)(a)⁽¹²⁾, for “, (8G) and (8H)” substitute “and (8G) to (8I)”.

Children of persons granted indefinite leave to enter or remain as a victim of domestic violence or domestic abuse or as a bereaved partner

34.—(1) In regulation 7 (students becoming eligible in the course of an academic year)⁽¹³⁾, in paragraph (2)(g) and (i), after “the student” insert “or the student’s parent”.

(2) In Schedule 1—

- (a) in the heading to paragraph 4C (persons granted indefinite leave to enter or remain as a victim of domestic violence or domestic abuse), at the end, insert “and their children”;
- (b) paragraph 4C becomes sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph;
- (c) after that sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(2) A person—

- (a) granted indefinite leave to enter or remain;
- (b) who—
 - (i) is the child of a person granted indefinite leave to enter or remain as a victim of domestic violence or domestic abuse; and
 - (ii) on the leave application date, was the child of the person granted indefinite leave to enter or remain as a victim of domestic violence or domestic abuse;
- (c) who was under 18 on the leave application date;
- (d) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands since the person was granted such leave; and
- (e) who is ordinarily resident in England on the course start date.

(3) In this paragraph, “leave application date” means the date on which a person granted indefinite leave to enter or remain as a victim of domestic violence or domestic abuse made an application to remain in the United Kingdom on those grounds under the immigration rules.”;

- (d) in the heading to paragraph 4E (persons granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner)⁽¹⁴⁾, at the end, insert “and their children”;
- (e) paragraph 4E becomes sub-paragraph (1) of that paragraph;
- (f) after that sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(2) A person—

- (a) granted indefinite leave to remain;

⁽¹⁰⁾ 2002 c. 41. Section 104 was amended by Schedule 9 to the Immigration Act 2014 and by [S.I. 2005/565](#), [2010/21](#) and [2014/2771](#).

⁽¹¹⁾ Paragraph (9)(b) was amended by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

⁽¹²⁾ Paragraph (10) was inserted by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

⁽¹³⁾ Regulation 7 was substituted by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

⁽¹⁴⁾ Paragraph 4E was inserted by [S.I. 2020/1203](#) and amended by [S.I. 2023/74](#).

- (b) who—
 - (i) is the child of a person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner; and
 - (ii) on the leave application date, was the child of the person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner;
- (c) who was under 18 on the leave application date;
- (d) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands since the person was granted such leave; and
- (e) who is ordinarily resident in England on the course start date.

(3) In this paragraph, “leave application date” means the date on which a person granted indefinite leave to remain as a bereaved partner made an application to remain in the United Kingdom on those grounds under the immigration rules.”.

Students settled in the United Kingdom

35.—(1) In regulation 7 (students becoming eligible in the course of an academic year) in paragraph (2)—

- (a) after sub-paragraph (b) insert—
 - “(ba) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1;
 - (bb) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 2A of Schedule 1;”;
- (b) after sub-paragraph (d) insert—
 - “(da) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 9BB of Schedule 1;”.

(2) In Schedule 1—

- (a) in paragraphs 2(1)(a) and 9BB(1)(a)(i)(**15**), omit “on the first day of the first academic year of the course”;
- (b) in paragraph 2(1)(a)(ii), after “England”, insert “on the first day of the first academic year of the course”;
- (c) in paragraph 2A(1)(a)(**16**), omit “on the course start date”.

Substitution of amounts

36. In regulation 12 (amount of the postgraduate master’s degree loan), in paragraphs (1) and (2), for “£12,167” substitute “£12,471”.

British citizens of Chagossian descent

37. In Schedule 1 (eligible students), in paragraph 9BB—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)—
 - (i) at the beginning, insert “Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), ”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (a), the words from “settled in” become sub-paragraph (i);
 - (iii) after that sub-paragraph (i), insert—
 - “or

(15) Paragraph 2 was substituted by [S.I. 2017/594](#) and sub-paragraph (1)(a) was amended by [S.I. 2021/127](#). Paragraph 9BB was inserted by [S.I. 2021/1348](#). Paragraph 9BB(1)(a) is renumbered, creating paragraph 9BB(1)(a)(i), by regulation 37(a)(ii) of this instrument.

(16) Paragraph 2A was inserted by [S.I. 2021/127](#) and sub-paragraph (1)(a) was amended by [S.I. 2021/929](#) and [S.I. 2023/74](#).

- (ii) a person who is a British citizen and who—
 - (aa) was born in the British Indian Ocean Territory or, prior to 8th November 1965, in those islands designated as the British Indian Ocean Territory on that date; or
 - (bb) is a direct descendant of a person who was born in the British Indian Ocean Territory or, prior to 8th November 1965, in those islands designated as the British Indian Ocean Territory on that date;”;
- (b) after sub-paragraph (2), insert—
 - “(3) For the purposes of paragraphs (c) and (d) of sub-paragraph (1), a person mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii) of sub-paragraph (1) is treated as being ordinarily resident in the specified British overseas territories in any period before the first day of the first academic year of the course in which they are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or the Islands.
 - (4) Paragraphs (e) and (f) of sub-paragraph (1) do not apply to a person mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii) of that sub-paragraph.”.