WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 1854 (W.204)

EDUCATION, WALES

The Education (Assisted Places)
(Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003

Made - - - - 16th July 2003

Coming into force - - 1st September 2003

The National Assembly for Wales has consulted, in accordance with section 3(7) of the Education (Schools) Act 1997(1), such bodies as appear to it to be appropriate and representatives of schools which provide assisted places under section 2(1) of that Act.

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 3(1), (2), (5) and (9) of that Act and now vested in the National Assembly for Wales(2), the National Assembly for Wales makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and application

- **1.**—(1) These Regulations are called the Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 1st September 2003.
 - (2) These Regulations apply to Wales only.
- (3) These Regulations apply in relation to any school year beginning on or after 1st September 2003.

Amendment of the Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1997

- **2.**—(1) The Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1997(**3**) are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 10(4) and (6), for "£1,465" in each place where it appears there is substituted "£1,500".
 - (3) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2, for "£11,368" there is substituted "£11,626".
- (4) For the table following paragraph 2(1) of that Schedule there is substituted the following table—

^{(1) 1997} c. 59. Section 3 is amended by section 130 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31).

⁽²⁾ The functions of the Secretary of State under section 3 were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672).

⁽³⁾ S.I. 1997/1968, amended by S.I. 1998/1726, S.I. 1998/1966, S.I. 1999/1504, S.I. 2000/1938 (W.136), S.I. 2001/2680 (W.221) and S.I. 2002/1879 (W.188).

"TABLE

(1) Part of relevant income to which specified percentage applies	(2) Only assisted pupil (%)	(3) Each of two assisted pupils (%)	(4) Each of three assisted pupils (%)
That part (if any) which exceeds £11,460 but does not exceed £12,461	9	6.75	5.25
That part (if any) which exceeds £12,461 but does not exceed £13,478	12	9	7
That part (if any) which exceeds £13,478 but does not exceed £15,495	15	11.25	8.75
That part (if any) which exceeds £15,495 but does not exceed £18,606	21	15.75	12.25
That part (if any) which exceeds £18,606 but does not exceed £22,660	24	18	14
That part (if any) which exceeds £22,660	33	24.75	19.25"

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998(4).

16th July 2003

D.Elis-Thomas
The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1997 ("the 1997 Regulations") in respect of a school year beginning on or after 1st September 2003. The 1997 Regulations prescribe arrangements for pupils who are eligible to continue to hold assisted places at independent schools by virtue of section 2 of the Education (Schools) Act 1997, notwithstanding the abolition of the assisted places scheme by section 1 of that Act.

The deduction to be made in "relevant" income in respect of dependent relatives under regulation 10(4) and (6) of the 1997 Regulations is increased from £1,465 to £1,500.

The level of income at or below which fees are to be wholly remitted is set at £11,626 instead of £11,368, with corresponding increases in the extent of remission where "relevant" income exceeds that sum.