
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 3097

The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2012

PART 11

SUPPORT FOR FULL-TIME DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Designated distance learning courses

78.—(1) A course is designated for the purposes of section 22(1) of the 1998 Act and regulation 76 if it is designated by the Welsh Ministers under this regulation.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), the Welsh Ministers may designate a course under this regulation if in their opinion—

- (a) the course is listed in Schedule 2 other than a course for the initial training of teachers;
- (b) the course is a full-time course;
- (c) the course is of at least one academic year's duration;
- (d) students undertaking the course in the United Kingdom are not required to be in attendance on it by the institution providing the course; and
- (e) subject to paragraph (5), the course began before 1 September 2012.

(3) For the purposes of determining whether the requirement in paragraph (2)(d) is satisfied the Welsh Ministers may disregard—

- (a) any requirement imposed by the institution providing the course to attend any institution for the purposes of—
 - (i) registration or enrolment;
 - (ii) an examination;
- (b) any requirement imposed by the institution providing the course to attend any institution on a weekend or during any vacation;
- (c) any period of attendance at the institution providing the course which a student may but is not required to complete by that institution.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may not designate a course as a designated distance learning course if—

- (a) it falls within paragraph 7 or 8 of Schedule 2; and
- (b) the governing body of a maintained school has arranged for the provision of the course to a pupil of the school.

(5) A course which begins on or after 1 September 2012 is a designated distance learning course where—

- (a) a student transfers to that course pursuant to regulation 87 from a previous designated distance learning course which began before 1 September 2012; and
- (b) that course would otherwise be a designated course for the purposes of regulation 5.