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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 523**

The Education (Postgraduate Master's  
Degree Loans) (Wales) Regulations 2017

PART 3

APPLYING FOR SUPPORT

**Applications for a postgraduate master's degree loan**

9.—(1) A person (“the applicant”) must apply for a postgraduate master's degree loan in connection with a designated course by completing and submitting to the Welsh Ministers an application in such form and accompanied by such documentation as the Welsh Ministers may require.

(2) The Welsh Ministers may take such steps and make such inquiries as they consider necessary to determine whether the applicant is an eligible student.

(3) The Welsh Ministers must notify the applicant of whether or not the applicant qualifies for a postgraduate master's degree loan.

**Time limits**

10.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the application must reach the Welsh Ministers no later than the end of the ninth month of the academic year during which it is submitted.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where the applicant is applying to amend the amount of the postgraduate master's degree loan under regulation 12(3), the application must reach the Welsh Ministers no later than the end of the ninth month of the academic year during which it is submitted.

(3) Paragraphs (1) or (2) do not apply where the Welsh Ministers consider that having regard to the circumstances of the particular case the time limit should not apply, in which case the application to amend the amount must reach the Welsh Ministers not later than such date as they specify in writing.

**Requirement to enter into a contract for a loan**

11.—(1) To receive a postgraduate master's degree loan a student must enter into a contract with the Welsh Ministers on terms to be decided by the Welsh Ministers.

(2) Where the Welsh Ministers require a contract to be signed by a student, an electronic signature in such form as the Welsh Ministers may specify satisfies such a requirement.