



Education Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 21

PART 9

STUDENT FINANCE

76 Student loans: interest rates

- (1) In section 22 of THEA 1998 (financial support for students), in subsection (4) (interest rates on loans), for paragraph (a) (but not the “and” after it) substitute—
 - “(a) the rates prescribed by regulations made in pursuance of subsection (3)(a) must be—
 - (i) lower than those prevailing on the market, or
 - (ii) no higher than those prevailing on the market, where the other terms on which such loans are provided are more favourable to borrowers than those prevailing on the market;”.
- (2) In consequence of subsection (1)—
 - (a) in section 22 of THEA 1998, omit subsections (8) and (9);
 - (b) in section 2 of the Sale of Student Loans Act 2008 (sale of student loans: supplemental), in subsection (5), omit paragraph (d) (but not the “and” after it).
- (3) This section applies in relation to a student who begins a course on or after 1 September 2012, except in such circumstances as may be prescribed.
- (4) In subsection (3) “prescribed”—
 - (a) in relation to England, means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;
 - (b) in relation to Wales, means prescribed by regulations made by the Welsh Ministers.