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**The Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011**

**PART 5**

**GRANTS FOR LIVING AND OTHER COSTS**

**CHAPTER 3**

**DISABLED STUDENTS' ALLOWANCES**

**Qualifying conditions for the disabled students' allowance**

**40.** An eligible student ("A") qualifies for a grant to assist with the additional expenditure which the Secretary of State is satisfied that A is obliged to incur in connection with A's attendance on or undertaking of a designated course by reason of a disability to which A is subject.

**Amount of the disabled students' allowance**

**41.—(1)** Subject to the following paragraphs, the amount of the disabled students' allowance is the amount that the Secretary of State considers appropriate in accordance with the student's circumstances.

(2) Except where paragraph (4) applies, the amount of the disabled students' allowance must not exceed—

- (a) £20,520 in respect of an academic year for expenditure on a non-medical personal helper;
- (b) £5,161 in respect of all the academic years during the period of eligibility for expenditure on major items of specialist equipment;
- (c) the additional expenditure incurred—
  - (i) within the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending the institution;
  - (ii) within or outside the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending, as a part of the student's course, any period of study at an overseas institution or for the purpose of attending the Institute;
- (d) £1,724 in respect of an academic year for any other expenditure including expenditure incurred for the purposes referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) which exceeds the maxima specified in those sub-paragraphs.

(3) Where the eligible student has received payments to assist with expenditure on major items of specialist equipment in connection with the course by virtue of holding a transitional award, the maximum amount of grant under paragraph (2)(b) is reduced by the amount of those payments.

(4) The maximum amount under paragraphs (2)(a) and (d) is £15,390 and £1,293, respectively where—

- (a) an eligible student attends a course for the initial training of teachers; and
- (b) in any academic year of that course, the periods of full-time study and full-time teaching practice are in aggregate less than 6 weeks.

(5) An eligible student does not qualify for a grant under this regulation in respect of a distance learning course starting on or after 1st September 2012 unless the Secretary of State considers that the student is undertaking the designated course in England.