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PART 5

GRANTS FOR LIVING AND OTHER COSTS

CHAPTER 7

SPECIAL SUPPORT GRANTS FOR CURRENT SYSTEM STUDENTS

Qualifying conditions for the special support grant

60.—(1) A current system student qualifies in accordance with this regulation for a special support grant in connection with his attendance on a designated course to defray the costs of books, equipment, travel or childcare incurred for the purpose of attending that course.

(2) A current system student qualifies for a special support grant if he—

- (a) falls within a prescribed category of person for the purposes of section 124(1)(e) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992⁽¹⁾; or
- (b) is treated as being liable to make payments in respect of a dwelling prescribed by regulations made under section 129(2) of that Act⁽²⁾.

(3) If a current system student does not qualify for a fee loan in respect of an academic year of the designated course, he cannot qualify for a special support grant for that year unless the reason that he does not qualify for a fee loan is because—

- (a) the year is an Erasmus year; or
- (b) the designated course is a flexible postgraduate course for the initial training of teachers.

Amount of the special support grant

61.—(1) The maximum amount of special support grant available in respect of an academic year is—

- (a) in the case of a type 1 teacher training student, £1,632;
- (b) in the case of a type 2 teacher training student, £3,265;
- (c) in the case of a current system student other than a type 1 or type 2 teacher training student, £3,265.

(1) 1992 c. 7.. The relevant regulation is regulation 4ZA of the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (S.R. 1987 No. 459). Regulation 4ZA was inserted by regulation 4 of S.R. 1996 No. 199 and amended by regulation 5(2) of S.R. 1997 No. 412; regulation 5(3) of S.R. 2000 No. 71, regulation 3(5) of, and the Schedule to, S.R. 2000 No. 241 and Article 3(2) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to, S.R. 2005 No. 319 (c.23)

(2) The relevant regulation is regulation 53 of the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 (S.R. 2006 No. 405)

(2) A type 1 teacher training student who qualifies for a special support grant in respect of an academic year receives an amount as follows in respect of that year—

- (a) where the household income is £17,910 or less, he receives £1,632;
- (b) where the household income exceeds £17,910 but does not exceed £27,120, he receives an amount equal to $M - \left(\frac{A}{5}\right)$ where—

M is £1,632

A is £1 for every complete £4.53 by which the household income exceeds £17,910; and

- (c) where the household income exceeds £27,120 or he opts when applying for the grant not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income, he receives £615.

(3) A type 2 teacher training student who qualifies for a special support grant in respect of an academic year receives an amount as follows in respect of that year—

- (a) where the household income is £17,910 or less, he receives £3,265;
- (b) where the household income exceeds £17,910 but does not exceed £27,120, he receives an amount equal to $M - A$ where—

M is £3,265

A is £1 for every complete £4.53 by which the household income exceeds £17,910; and

- (c) where the household income exceeds £27,120 or he opts when applying for the grant not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income, he receives £1,230.

(4) A current system student other than a type 1 or type 2 teacher training student who qualifies for a special support grant in respect of an academic year receives an amount as follows in respect of that year—

- (a) where the household income is £17,910 or less, he receives £3,265;
- (b) where the household income exceeds £17,910 but does not exceed £27,120, he receives an amount equal to $M - A$ where—

M is £3,265

A is £1 for every complete £4.53 by which the household income exceeds £17,910;

- (c) where the household income exceeds £27,120 but does not exceed £38,330, he receives an amount equal to $RM - A$ where—

RM is £1,230

A is £1 for every complete £9.50 by which the household income exceeds £27,120; and

- (d) where the household income exceeds £38,330, no special support grant is payable.