STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 254

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture (Student fees)(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012

Made - - - -Coming into operation 27th June 2012 24th August 2012

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development(1), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5A(1) and (2) of the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(2), makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Agriculture (Student fees)(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 24th August 2012.

Amendment to the Agriculture (Student fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

2. The Agriculture (Student fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007(**3**) shall be amended as provided by regulations 3 and 4.

3. In Regulation 4(4) for substitute:

"4.—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs and regulation 5, the fee payable to the Department by a person in each academic year in respect of a full-time higher education course shall be $\pounds 1,380$.

(2) Subject to regulation 5, where a person who is ordinarily resident in England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man starts the first academic year of a full-time higher education course on or after 1st September 2012, the fee payable to the Department in each academic year shall be $\pounds 9,000$.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation a person who is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland as a result of having moved from England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the purpose of undertaking a course is to be considered as ordinarily

⁽¹⁾ Formerly the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland; see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Art. 3(4)

^{(2) 1949} c.2 (N.I.). Section 5A(1) and (2) was inserted by Article 42(1) of the Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1915 (N.I. 11))

⁽**3**) S.R. 2007 No.54

⁽⁴⁾ Regulation 4(1) was amended by S.R. 2009 No.321

resident in England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man as the case may be.

(4) The Department may charge a person a fee of such amount as it may determine in respect of any course of further education or part-time education undertaken by that person."

4. In regulation 5(2)(**5**) for "£650" substitute "£680".

Revocation

5. The Agriculture (Student fees)(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010(6) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on 27th June 2012.

(L.S.)

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⁽⁵⁾ Regulation 5(2) was amended by S.R. 2010 No.230

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Agriculture (Student fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007. They also revoke the Agriculture (Student fees)(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010.

These Regulations increase the level of fee to be paid by persons undertaking a course of higher education provided by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development as set out in Regulations 3 and 4.

Regulation 3 also introduces a higher tuition fee for students from England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man who first start a course of higher education provided by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on or after 1st September 2012.