
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2024 No. 19

**The Education (Student Support, etc.)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024**

PART 2

CHAPTER 9

Amendments relating to students becoming eligible
for student support in the course of an academic year

Amendments to the 2009 Regulations

48. For regulation 106 (students becoming eligible during the course of the academic year) substitute—

“106. Students becoming eligible during the course of the academic year

- (1) Subject to paragraph (1)(d) where—
- (a) a distance learning course designation event which results in a student’s course becoming a designated distance learning course occurs in the course of an academic year;
 - (b) a protected category event which results in a student becoming an eligible distance learning student occurs—
 - (i) in the course of the first academic year of a course; and
 - (ii) on or before the course start date; or
 - (c) an in-year qualifying event occurs within the first three months of an academic year which results in a student becoming an eligible distance learning student, the student may qualify for a fee grant in accordance with this Part in respect of that academic year;
 - (d) a fee grant is not available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the event in question occurs.”.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (2)(d) where—
- (a) a distance learning course designation event which results in a student’s course becoming a designated distance learning course occurs in the course of an academic year;
 - (b) a protected category event which results in a student becoming an eligible distance learning student occurs—
 - (i) in the course of the first academic year of a course; and
 - (ii) on or before the course start date; or

(c) an in-year qualifying event occurs within the first three months of an academic year which results in a student becoming an eligible distance learning student, the student may qualify for a distance learning fee loan in accordance with this Part in respect of that academic year;

(d) a distance learning fee loan is not available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the event in question occurs.

(3) Subject to paragraph (3)(d) where—

(a) a distance learning course designation event which results in a student's course becoming a designated distance learning course occurs in the course of an academic year; or

(b) a protected category event which results in a student becoming an eligible distance learning student occurs—

(i) in the course of the first academic year of a course; and

(ii) on or before the course start date; or

(c) an in-year qualifying event (other than a settled status event) which results in a student becoming an eligible distance learning student occurs within the first three months of an academic year,

the student may qualify for a grant for books, travel and other expenditure in respect of such quarters, in respect of which a loan for living costs is payable, beginning after the event in question occurs;

(d) a grant for books, travel and other expenditure is not available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the event in question occurs.

(4) Subject to paragraph (4)(d) where—

(a) a distance learning course designation event which results in a student's course becoming a distance learning course occurs in the course of an academic year; or

(b) a protected category event which results in a student becoming an eligible distance learning student occurs—

(i) in the course of the first academic year of a course; and

(ii) on or before the course start date; or

(c) an in-year qualifying event (other than a settled status event) which results in a student becoming an eligible distance learning student occurs within the first three months of an academic year,

the student may qualify for disabled distance learning students' allowance in respect of such quarters, in respect of which a loan for living costs is payable, beginning after the event in question occurs;

(d) a disabled distance learning students' allowance is not available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the event in question occurs.”.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 48 in operation at 26.2.2024 with application in accordance with reg. 1(3)(4)(c)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Education (Student Support, etc.) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2024, Section 48.