STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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EDUCATION, ENGLAND

The Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001

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In exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 3(3) and (9) of the Education (Schools) Act 1997(1), the Secretary of State for Education and Skills hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement, extent and application

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001, and shall come into force on 1st September 2001.
 - (2) These Regulations shall apply only in relation to England.
- (3) These Regulations shall apply in relation to a school year beginning on or after the date that they come into force.

Amendment of the Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) Regulations 1997

- **2.**—(1) The Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) Regulations 1997(2) shall be amended as follows.
 - (2) In regulation 2(2) (clothing grant), for "£11,718" there shall be substituted "£11,952".
 - (3) In regulation 2(3), for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) there shall be substituted—
 - "(a) £73 where the relevant income does not exceed £11,116; and
 - (b) £38 where that income exceeds £11,116 but does not exceed £11,952".
 - (4) In regulation 4 (travel grant)—
 - (a) in paragraph (3), for "£10,914" there shall be substituted "£11,129"; and
 - (b) in paragraph (4)—

^{(1) 1997} c. 59. By virtue of the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672) the powers conferred by these provisions are exercisable by the Secretary of State only in relation to England.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1997/1969, amended by S.I. 1998/1585, 1999/1505, and S.I. 2000/2112.

- (i) for "£10,914" there shall be substituted "£11,129"; and
- (ii) for "£10,735" there shall be substituted "£10,950".
- (5) In regulation 10 (field study courses), for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following—
 - "(1) In this regulation "field study course" means a course of field study (provided by the school or otherwise) which forms part of a normal course of study at a school for the examinations for the General Certificate of Secondary Education, the General Certificate of Education Advanced Level, the Advanced Subsidiary, the Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education or other examinations comparable to any of them, being examinations in—
 - (a) archaeology
 - (b) biology
 - (c) botany
 - (d) geography
 - (e) geology
 - (f) modern languages at advanced level
 - (g) theatre studies
 - (h) zoology, or
 - (i) any other subject approved for the purposes of this regulation by the Secretary of State,

and a reference to a relevant examination shall be construed accordingly."

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Minister of State,
Department for Education and Skills

28th July 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) Regulations 1997 ("the 1997 Regulations") in relation to England and in respect of a school year beginning on or after 1st September 2001. The 1997 Regulations provide for the payment of grants as regards incidental expenses, and for the remission of incidental expenses, in respect of pupils eligible to continue to hold assisted places by virtue of section 2 of the Education (Schools) Act 1997, notwithstanding the abolition of the assisted places scheme by section 1 of that Act.

These Regulations relax the means test (set out in regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations) and increase the amount of grant payable for uniform grant in respect of clothing expenditure incurred in relation to the 2001/2002 and subsequent school years. £73 (rather than £71 as previously) is payable where the relevant income does not exceed £11,116 (rather than £10,901 as previously), £38 (rather than £37 as previously) is payable where the relevant income exceeds that figure but does not exceed £11,952 (rather than £11,718 as previously).

These Regulations also relax the means test (set out in regulation 4 of the 1997 regulations) for travel grant and increase the amount of grant payable.

These Regulations also broaden the list of approved subjects (by adding archaeology), and update the list of existing examinations to include the GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level and the Advanced Vocational Certificate of Education.