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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the Education (Assisted Places) Regulations 1997 (“the 1997 Regulations”).

The Regulations apply in relation to remission questions that arise in respect of the 2006/07 school year and which have not been determined at the date on which these Regulations come into force. A remission question is a question as to a parent’s entitlement under the 1997 Regulations to a remission in the fees payable in respect of a child’s education at an independent school.

The reductions to be made in relevant parental income in respect of dependent relatives pursuant to regulation 10(4) and (6) of the 1997 Regulations are increased from £1,575 to £1,625.

These Regulations also amend the means test for the remission of fees: the level of income at or below which fees are to be wholly remitted is set at £12,470 instead of £12,182, with corresponding increases in the extent of remission where relevant income exceeds that sum.