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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2011 No. 886**

**The Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2011**

**PART 1**

**GENERAL**

**Title, commencement and application**

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2011.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 12 April 2011 and apply in relation to Wales.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations, except where the context otherwise requires—

“the 1962 Act” (“*Deddf 1962*”) means the Education Act 1962(1);

“the 1998 Act” (“*Deddf 1998*”) means the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998;

“the 1998 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 1998*”) means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 1998(2);

“the 1999 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 1999*”) means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 1999(3);

“the 2000 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2000*”) means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000(4);

“the 2001 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2001*”) means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2001(5);

“the 2002 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2002*”) means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2002(6);

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- (1) 1962 c. 12; sections 1 to 4 and Schedule 1 were substituted by the provisions set out in Schedule 5 to the Education Act 1980 (c. 20). Section 1(3)(d) was amended by the Education (Grants and Awards) Act 1984 (c. 11), section 4. Section 4 was amended by the Education Act 1994 (c. 30), Schedule 2, paragraph 2. The entire Act was repealed by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), section 44(2) and Schedule 4, subject to the transitional provisions and savings set out in the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Order 1998 (S.I.1998/3237), article 3.
- (2) S.I. 1998/2003, revoked with savings by S.I. 1999/496.
- (3) S.I. 1999/496, amended by S.I. 1999/2266 and S.I. 2000/1120. These instruments were revoked by S.I. 2000/1121, except in relation to the provision of support to students in respect of an academic year which begins before 1 September 2000.
- (4) S.I. 2000/1121, amended by S.I. 2000/1490, S.I. 2000/2142 and S.I. 2000/2912. These instruments were revoked by S.I. 2001/951 except in relation to the provision of support to students in respect of an academic year which begins before 1 September 2001.
- (5) S.I. 2001/951, amended by S.I. 2001/1730, S.I. 2001/2355 and S.I. 2002/174. These instruments were revoked by S.I. 2002/195 except in relation to the provision of support to students in respect of an academic year which begins before 1 September 2002.
- (6) S.I. 2002/195, amended by S.I. 2002/1318, S.I. 2002/2088 and S.I. 2002/3059. S.I. 2002/195, S.I. 2002/1318 and S.I. 2002/2088 were revoked by S.I. 2002/3200 except in relation to the provision of support to students in respect of an academic year which begins before 1 September 2003. S.I. 2002/3059 was revoked by S.I. 2003/1065.

“the 2003 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2003*”) means the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 as amended(7);

“the 2004 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2004*”) means the 2003 Regulations as further amended(8);

“the 2005 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2005*”) means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2005(9);

“the 2006 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2006*”) means the Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) Regulations 2006(10);

“the 2007 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2007*”) means the Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) Regulations 2007(11);

“the 2008 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2008*”) means the Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) Regulations 2008(12);

“the 2008 (No. 2) Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau (Rhif 2) 2008*”) means the Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2008(13);

“the 2009 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2009*”) means the Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) Regulations 2009(14);

“the 2011 Regulations” (“*Rheoliadau 2011*”) means the Assembly Learning Grants and Loans (Higher Education) (Wales) Regulations 2011(15);

“2006 gap year student” (“*myfyriwr blwyddyn i ffwrdd 2006*”) has the meaning given in paragraph (2);

“2010 cohort student” (“*myfyriwr carfan 2010*”) means an eligible student who begins the present course on or after 1 September 2010 and before 1 September 2011, other than—

- (a) a 2010 gap year student;
- (b) an eligible student who started the present course on or after 1 September 2010 and before 1 September 2011 where that course is an end-on course following on from a course that the student started before—
  - (i) 1 September 2010; or
  - (ii) 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student; or
- (c) an eligible student who started the present course on or after 1 September 2010 and before 1 September 2011 whose status as an eligible student transferred to that course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to regulations

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(7) S.I. 2002/3200, amended by S.I. 2003/1065 and S.I. 2003/3280. S.I. 2002/3200 and S.I. 2003/1065 were revoked by S.I. 2005/52 with savings.

(8) S.I. 2002/3200, amended by S.I. 2003/1065, S.I. 2003/3280, S.I. 2004/161, S.I. 2004/1602, S.I. 2004/2041, S.I. 2004/2598, S.I. 2005/1341 and S.I. 2005/2084. There are other amendments which are not relevant to these Regulations. Except for S.I. 2005/1341 and S.I. 2005/2084, these instruments were revoked with savings by S.I. 2005/52. S.I. 2005/1341 and S.I. 2005/2084 were revoked, with savings, in relation to Wales by S.I. 2006/126 (W.19).

(9) S.I. 2005/52, amended by S.I. 2005/1341, S.I. 2005/2084, S.I. 2005/3482 and S.I. 2006/955. Except for S.I. 2005/3482 and S.I. 2006/955, these instruments were revoked in relation to Wales, with savings, by S.I. 2006/126 (W.19).

(10) S.I. 2006/126 (W.19), amended by S.I. 2006/1863 (W.196). These instruments were revoked by S.I. 2007/1045 (W.104) with savings in relation to the provision of support to students in respect of an academic year which begins on or after 1 September 2006 but before 1 September 2007.

(11) S.I. 2007/1045 (W.104), amended by S.I. 2007/2312 (W.183), S.I. 2007/2851 (W.248) and S.I. 2007/3230 (W.282). S.I. 2007/1045 (W.104) was revoked, with savings, by S.I. 2008/1273 (W.130).

(12) S.I. 2008/1273 (W.130), amended by S.I. 2008/2140 (W.189). These instruments were revoked, with savings, by S.I. 2008/3170 (W.283).

(13) S.I. 2008/3170 (W.283), amended by S.I. 2009/2156 (W.180). S.I. 2008/3170 (W.283) was revoked, with savings, by S.I. 2009/2737 (W.235).

(14) S.I. 2009/2737 (W.235).

(15) S.I. 2011/148 (W.32).

made under section 22 of the 1998 Act from a designated course which the student began before—

- (i) 1 September 2010; or
- (ii) 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student;

“2010 gap year student” (“*myfyriwr blwyddyn i ffwrdd 2010*”) has the meaning given in paragraph (12);

“2011 cohort student” (“*myfyriwr carfan 2011*”) means an eligible student who begins the present course on or after 1 September 2011, other than—

- (a) a 2011 gap year student;
- (b) an eligible student who started the present course on or after 1 September 2011 but before 1 September 2012 where that course is an end-on course following on from a course that—
  - (i) the student started before 1 September 2011; or
  - (ii) the student started before 1 September 2012 and in relation to which the student is a 2011 gap year student; or
- (c) an eligible student who started the present course on or after 1 September 2011 and before 1 September 2012 and whose status as an eligible student transferred to that course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act from a designated course which the student began—
  - (i) before 1 September 2011; or
  - (ii) before 1 September 2012 and in relation to which the student is a 2011 gap year student;

“2011 gap year student” (“*myfyriwr blwyddyn i ffwrdd 2011*”) has the meaning given in paragraph (16);

“2012 cohort student” (“*myfyriwr carfan 2012*”) means an eligible student who begins the present course on or after 1 September 2012, other than —

- (a) an eligible student who started the present course on or after 1 September 2012 where that course is an end-on course following on from a course that the student started before 1 September 2012; or
- (b) an eligible student who started the present course on or after 1 September 2012 whose status as an eligible student transferred to that course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act from a designated course which the student began before 1 September 2012.

“academic authority” (“*awdurdod academaidd*”) means, in relation to an institution, the governing body or other body having the functions of a governing body and includes a person acting with the authority of that body;

“academic year” (“*blwyddyn academaidd*”) means the period of twelve months beginning on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 September of the calendar year in which the academic year of the course in question begins according to whether that academic year begins on or after 1 January and before 1 April, on or after 1 April and before 1 July, on or after 1 July and before 1 August or on or after 1 August and on or before 31 December, respectively;

“accelerated course” (“*cwrs carlam*”) means a course of two years' duration which persons undertaking it are normally required by the institution providing it to attend (whether at premises of the institution or elsewhere) for a period of at least 40 weeks in the final year;

“adult dependants' grant” (“*grant dibynyddion mewn oed*”) means the grant payable under regulation 28;

“applicant” (“*ceisydd*”) means, in relation to a person who applies for support payable under these Regulations to an eligible—

- (a) student, a person who makes an application under regulation 9;
- (b) distance learning student, a person who makes an application under regulation 80;
- (c) part-time student, a person who makes an application under regulation 105; and
- (d) postgraduate student, a person who makes an application under regulation 120;

“borrower” (“*benthyciwr*”) means a person to whom a loan has been made;

“bursary year” (“*blwyddyn bwrsari*”) means an academic year of a course in relation to which the student is eligible to apply for a healthcare bursary or a Scottish healthcare allowance, the amount of which is calculated by reference to that student’s income whether or not the calculation results in a nil amount;

“childcare grant” (“*grant gofal plant*”) means the grant payable under regulation 29;

“college fees” (“*ffioedd coleg*”) means the fees payable by a qualifying student to a college or permanent private hall of the University of Oxford or to a college of the University of Cambridge in connection with the qualifying student’s attendance on a qualifying course;

“college fee loan” (“*benthyciad at ffioedd coleg*”) means a loan for college fees payable to a qualifying student pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;

“compressed degree course” (“*cwrs gradd cywasgedig*”) means a course determined by the Secretary of State to be a compressed degree course;

“compressed degree student” (“*myfyriwr cwrs gradd cywasgedig*”) means an eligible student who—

- (a) is undertaking a compressed degree course in the United Kingdom ( the “course”);
- (b) either—
  - (i) began the course on or after 1 September 2006 and is continuing on that course after 31 August 2012; or
  - (ii) begins the course on or after 1 September 2012; and
- (c) either—
  - (i) is required to be in attendance on the course for part of the academic year for which the eligible student is applying for support under these Regulations; or
  - (ii) is a disabled eligible student who is not required to be in attendance on the course as that student is unable to attend because of a reason which relates to that student’s disability;

“contribution” (“*cyfraniad*”) means in relation to—

- (a) an eligible student, the student’s contribution calculated pursuant to regulation 63 and Schedule 5;
- (b) an eligible part-time student, the student’s contribution calculated pursuant to regulation 102 and Schedule 6;

“course for the initial training of teachers” (“*cwrs ar gyfer hyfforddiant cychwynnol athrawon*”) includes such a course leading to a first degree unless otherwise indicated but excludes an employment-based teacher training scheme;

“designated course” (“*cwrs dynodedig*”) means a course designated by regulation 5 or by the Welsh Ministers under regulation 5;

“designated distance learning course” (“*cwrs dysgu o bell dynodedig*”) means a course designated by the Welsh Ministers under regulation 74;

“designated part-time course” (“*cwrs rhan-amser dynodedig*”) means a course designated by regulation 91 or by the Welsh Ministers under regulation 91;

“designated postgraduate course” (“*cwrs ôl-radd dynodedig*”) means a course designated by regulation 117 or by the Welsh Ministers under regulation 117;

“Directive 2004/38” (“*Cyfarwyddeb 2004/38*”) means Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>(16)</sup> on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely in the territory of the Member States;

“electronic signature” (“*llofnod electronig*”) is so much of anything in electronic form as—

- (a) is incorporated into or otherwise logically associated with any electronic communication or electronic data; and
- (b) purports to be so incorporated or associated for the purpose of being used in establishing the authenticity of the communication or data, the integrity of the communication or data, or both;

“eligible distance learning student” (“*myfyriwr dysgu o bell cymwys*”) has the meaning given in regulation 72;

“eligible part-time student” (“*myfyriwr rhan-amser cymwys*”) has the meaning given in regulation 89;

“eligible postgraduate student” (“*myfyriwr ôl-raddedig cymwys*”) has the meaning given in regulation 115;

“eligible student” (“*myfyriwr cymwys*”) has the meaning given in regulation 4;

“employment-based teacher training scheme” (“*cynllun hyfforddi athrawon ar sail cyflogaeth*”) means—

- (a) a scheme established by the Welsh Ministers for the purpose of regulation 8 of the Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (Wales) Regulations 2004<sup>(17)</sup> whereby a person may undertake initial teacher training in order to obtain qualified teacher status while being employed to teach at a maintained school, an independent school or other institution except a pupil referral unit; or
- (b) a scheme established by the Secretary of State whereby a person may undertake initial teacher training in order to obtain qualified teacher training status while being employed to teach at a school, city college, Academy, independent school or other institution except a pupil referral unit;

“end-on course” (“*cwrs penben*”) means—

- (a) a full-time first degree course (other than a first degree course for the initial training of teachers) which, disregarding any intervening vacation, a student begins to attend immediately after ceasing to attend a full-time course listed in paragraph 2 or 3 of Schedule 2 for which the student received or was entitled to receive a transitional award, a loan under the 1998 Regulations or support under the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2008 (No. 2), 2009 or 2011 Regulations;
- (b) a full-time honours degree course beginning on or after 1 September 2006 which, disregarding any intervening vacation, a student starts to attend immediately after ceasing to attend a full-time foundation degree course for which the student received or was entitled to receive a transitional award, a loan under the 1998 Regulations or support

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<sup>(16)</sup> OJ No L158, 30.04.2004, p.77—123.

<sup>(17)</sup> S.I. 2004/1729 (W.173), as amended by S.I. 2007/2811 (W.238), S.I. 2008/215 (W.26) and S.I. 2010/1142 (W.101).

under the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2008 (No. 2), 2009 or 2011 Regulations;

- (c) a course for the initial training of teachers beginning before 1 September 2006 the duration of which does not exceed two years (the duration of a part-time course being expressed as its full-time equivalent) which, disregarding any intervening vacation, a student begins to attend immediately after ceasing to attend a first degree course for which the student received or was entitled to receive a transitional award, a loan under the 1998 Regulations or support under the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 or 2005 Regulations;

“Erasmus year” (“*blwyddyn Erasmus*”) means an academic year of a course during which a student is participating in the action scheme of the European Union for the mobility of university students known as ERASMUS(18) and where the student’s course is a course referred to in regulation 5(1)(e) and all the periods of—

- (a) study during the academic year are attended at an institution outside the United Kingdom; or
- (b) work placement during the academic year are attended at a workplace outside the United Kingdom;

“EU national” (“*gwladolyn o'r UE*”) means a national of a Member State of the European Union;

“European Union” (“*yr Undeb Ewropeaidd*”) means the territory comprised by the Member States of the European Union as constituted from time to time;

“fees” (“*ffioedd*”) has the meaning given in section 28(1) of the 1998 Act except in references to college fees;

“fee contribution loan” (“*benthyciad cyfrannu at ffioedd*”) means a loan for fees payable to an old system eligible student pursuant to Part 4;

“fee grant” (“*grant at ffioedd*”) means a grant made by the Welsh Ministers under regulation 19;

“fee loan” (“*benthyciad at ffioedd*”) means a loan for fees payable to a new system eligible student pursuant to Part 4;

“fee support” (“*cymorth at ffioedd*”) means grants in relation to fees pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act and includes fee contribution loans and fee loans in relation to fees under Part 4;

“flexible postgraduate ITT course” (“*cwrs HCA hyblyg i ôl-raddedigion*”) means a postgraduate course of initial teacher training, the length and pattern of which is determined by reference to the eligible student’s experience and training requirements and which has been approved by the Training and Development Agency for Schools(19), the Secretary of State or the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales(20) where the course—

- (a) began before 1 September 2010;
- (b) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers which began before 1 September 2010; or
- (c) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student;

“former Metropolitan Police District” (“*cyn Ardal yr Heddlu Metropolitanaidd*”) means—

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(18) ERASMUS is part of the European Community action programme SOCRATES; OJ No L28, 3.2.2000, p.1.

(19) This body was originally established under section 1 of the Education Act 1994 (c. 30) as the Teacher Training Agency. By virtue of section 74 of the Education Act 2005 (c. 18), it continues in existence but is to be known instead as the Training and Development Agency for Schools.

(20) See sections 85 — 90 of the Education Act 2005 for HEFCW’s function in relation to teacher training.

- (a) Greater London, excluding the city of London, the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple;
- (b) in the county of Essex, in the district of Epping Forest—
  - the area of the former urban district of Chigwell,
  - the parish of Waltham Abbey;
- (c) in the county of Hertfordshire—
  - in the borough of Broxbourne, the area of the former urban district of Cheshunt,
  - the district of Hertsmere,
  - in the district of Welwyn Hatfield, the parish of Northaw; and
- (d) in the county of Surrey—
  - in the borough of Elmbridge, the area of the former urban district of Esher,
  - the boroughs of Epsom and Ewell and Spelthorne,
  - in the district of Reigate and Banstead, the area of the former urban district of Banstead;

“grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs” (“*grant at gostau byw myfyrwyr dysgu o bell anabl*”) means the grant payable under regulation 79;

“grant for disabled part-time students' living costs” (“*grant at gostau byw myfyrwyr rhan-amser anabl*”) means the grant payable under regulation 94;

“grant for disabled students' living costs” (“*grant at gostau byw myfyrwyr anabl*”) means the grant payable under regulation 26;

“grant for living costs” (“*grant at gostau byw*”) (without more) means a grant under any of the provisions of Part 5 of these Regulations;

“grants for dependants” (“*grantiau ar gyfer dibynyddion*”) means the grants and allowance listed in regulation 27(1);

“healthcare bursary” (“*bwrsari gofal iechyd*”) means a bursary or award of similar description under section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968(21) or Article 44 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(22);

“higher education course” (“*cwrs addysg uwch*”) means a course referred to in Schedule 2 or a postgraduate or other course the standard of which is higher than the standard of a first degree course;

“household income” (“*incwm yr aelwyd*”, “*incwm aelwyd*”, “*incwm sydd gan yr aelwyd*”) in relation to—

- (a) an eligible student, has the meaning given in Schedule 5;

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(21) 1968 c. 46; section 63 was amended by the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972 (c. 58), Schedule 7, the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (c. 32), Schedules 4 and 5, the National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49), Schedules 15 and 16, the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29), Schedules 16 and 17, the Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51), Schedule 17, the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), section 20, section 25(2) and Schedule 3, the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39), Schedule 13, the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c. 17), Schedule 1, the Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Consequential Amendments No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1008), the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997 (c. 46), Schedule 2, the Health Act 1999 (c. 8), Schedule 4, the Health and Social Care Act 2001 (c. 15), Schedule 5, the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c. 17), Schedules 2, 5 and 9, S.I. 2002/2202, article 4(a) and (b), the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (Supplementary, Consequential etc Provisions) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2469), Schedule 1, the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), Schedules 4, 11 and 14, the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 Commencement (No. 2) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/288), article 7, the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (Commencement No. 1) (Wales) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/480); the Children Act 2004 (c. 31), section 55; S.I. 2004/957, the Schedule; the National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), Schedule 1, S.I. 2007/961, the Schedule and the Health Act 2009, Schedule 1

(22) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).

- (b) an eligible part-time student, has the meaning given in Schedule 6;
- “information” (“*gwybodaeth*”) includes documents;
- “Institute” (“*yr Athrofa*”) means the University of London Institute in Paris<sup>(23)</sup>;
- “intensive course” (“*cwrs dwys*”) means an accelerated course or a compressed degree course;
- “Islands” (“*Ynysoedd*”) means the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;
- “loan” (“*benthyciad*”), except where otherwise indicated, means a loan pursuant to any regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act, including the interest accrued on the loan and any penalties or charges incurred in connection with it;
- “loan for living costs” (“*benthyciad at gostau byw*”) means a loan for living costs pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
- “maintained school” (“*ysgol a gynhelir*”) means a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community or foundation special school or a maintained nursery school;
- “new cohort student” (“*myfyriwr carfan newydd*”) means a 2010 cohort student, a 2011 cohort student and a 2012 cohort student;
- “new fee grant” (“*grant newydd at ffioedd*”) means a grant made by the Welsh Ministers under regulation 20;
- “new system eligible student” (“*myfyriwr cymwys o dan y drefn newydd*”) means an eligible student who—
- (a) is not an old system eligible student; and
  - (b) either—
    - (i) started the present course on or after 1 September 2006 and is continuing on that course after 31 August 2012; or
    - (ii) starts the present course on or after 1 September 2012;
- “old award” (“*hen ddyfarniad*”) is an award within the meaning of the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 2003<sup>(24)</sup>;
- “old flexible postgraduate course for the initial training of teachers” (“*hen gwrs ôl-radd hyblyg ar gyfer hyfforddiant cychwynnol i athrawon*”) means a flexible postgraduate ITT course which a student started to attend before 1 September 2008;
- “old system eligible student” (“*myfyriwr cymwys o dan yr hen drefn*”) means an eligible student who—
- (a) started the present course before 1 September 2006 and who is continuing on that course after 31 August 2012;
  - (b) is a 2006 gap year student in relation to the present course;
  - (c) started the present course on or after 1 September 2006 where that course is an end-on course (other than one of the kind referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of “end-on course” in this regulation) following on from a course that—
    - (i) the eligible student started before 1 September 2006; or
    - (ii) the eligible student started before 1 September 2007 and in relation to which the eligible student was a 2006 gap year student; or
  - (d) started the present course on or after 1 September 2006 and whose status as an eligible student transferred to that course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the

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(23) The University of London Institute in Paris was formerly known as the British Institute in Paris. The British Institute in Paris formally changed its name on 1 January 2005.

(24) S.I. 2003/1994, amended by S.I. 2004/1038, S.I. 2004/1792, S.I. 2005/2083, S.I. 2005/3137, S.I. 2005/3482, S.I. 2006/930, S.I. 2007/1629, S.I. 2008/1477 and the Education Act 2005, section 74.



Welsh Ministers pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act from a designated course which the eligible student began—

- (i) before 1 September 2006; or
- (ii) before 1 September 2007 and in relation to which the eligible student was a 2006 gap year student;

“ordinary duration” (“*cyfnod arferol*”) means, in relation to a designated course, the number of academic years that a standard student would take to complete the designated course;

“parents' learning allowance” (“*lwfans dysgu ar gyfer rhieni*”) means the allowance payable under regulation 30;

“part-time adult dependants' grant” (“*grant rhan-amser ar gyfer dibynyddion mewn oed*”) means the grant payable under regulation 97;

“part-time childcare grant” (“*grant rhan-amser ar gyfer gofal plant*”) means the grant payable under regulation 98;

“part-time grants for dependants” (“*grantaiau rhan-amser ar gyfer dibynyddion*”) means the grants and allowance listed in regulation 96(1);

“part-time parents' learning allowance” (“*lwfans dysgu rhan-amser ar gyfer rhieni*”) means the allowance payable under regulation 99;

“periods of work experience” (“*cyfnodau o brofiad gwaith*”) means—

- (a) periods of industrial, professional or commercial experience associated with full-time study at an institution but at a place outside that institution;
- (b) periods during which a student is employed and residing in a country whose language is one that the student is studying for the student's course (provided that the period of residence in that country is a requirement of the student's course and the study of one or more modern languages accounts for not less than one half of the total time spent studying on the course);

“person with leave to enter or remain” (“*person sydd a chaniatâd i ddod i mewn neu i aros*”) means a person (“A” in this definition)—

- (a) who has been informed by a person acting under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Home Department that, although A is considered not to qualify for recognition as a refugee, it is thought right to allow A to enter or remain in the United Kingdom;
- (b) who has been granted leave to enter or to remain accordingly;
- (c) whose period of leave to enter or remain has not expired or has been renewed and the period for which it was renewed has not expired or in respect of whose leave to enter or remain an appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002(25); and
- (d) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since A was granted leave to enter or remain;

“preliminary course” (“*cwrs rhagarweiniol*”) means a course listed in paragraph 2 or 3 of Schedule 2 that is taken before a full-time degree course (other than a first degree course for the initial training of teachers) or a foundation degree course that is taken before a full-time honours degree course, as the case may be;

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(25) 2002 c. 41. Section 104 was amended by the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004 (c. 19), Schedules 2 and 4, the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), section 9 and S.I. 2010/21.

“prescribed childcare charges” (“*costau rhagnodedig ar gyfer gofal plant*”) means childcare charges of a description prescribed for the purposes of section 12 of the Tax Credits Act 2002(26);

“present course” (“*cwrs presennol*”) means the designated course in respect of which a person is applying for support under regulation 9;

“present distance learning course” (“*cwrs dysgu o bell presennol*”) means the designated distance learning course in respect of which a person is applying for support under regulation 80;

“present part-time course” (“*cwrs rhan-amser presennol*”) means the designated part-time course in respect of which a person is applying for support under regulation 105;

“present postgraduate course” (“*cwrs ôl-radd presennol*”) means the designated postgraduate course in respect of which a person is applying for support under regulation 120;

“private institution” (“*sefydliad preifat*”) means an institution which is not publicly funded;

“public funds” (“*cronfeydd cyhoeddus*”) means moneys provided by Parliament including funds provided by the Welsh Ministers;

“publicly funded” (“*a ariennir yn gyhoeddus*”, “*a ariannwyd yn gyhoeddus*”) means maintained or assisted by recurrent grants out of public funds, and related expressions are to be interpreted accordingly;

“qualified teacher” (“*athro cymwysedig neu athrawes gymwysedig*”, “*athro cymwysedig neu'n athrawes gymwysedig*”) has the meaning given in section 132(1) of the Education Act 2002(27);

“qualifying course” (“*cwrs cymhwysol*”) means a full-time designated course which is provided by the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge and—

- (a) leads to qualification as a social worker, medical doctor, dentist, veterinary surgeon or architect;
- (b) where it began before 1 September 2009, leads to qualification as a landscape architect, landscape designer, landscape manager, town planner or town and country planner; or
- (c) consists of at least one academic year which is a bursary year;

“qualifying student” (“*myfyriwr cymhwysol*”) means a person who satisfies the criteria in paragraph 2 of Schedule 4;

“quarter” (“*chwarter*”) in relation to an academic year means a period in that year—

- (a) beginning on 1 January and ending on 31 March;
- (b) beginning on 1 April and ending on 30 June;
- (c) beginning on 1 July and ending on 31 August; or
- (d) beginning on 1 September and ending on 31 December;

“refugee” (“*ffoadur*”) means a person who is recognised by Her Majesty’s government as a refugee within the meaning of the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees done at Geneva on 28 July 1951(28) as extended by the Protocol thereto which entered into force on 4 October 1967(29);

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(26) Regulation 14 of the Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2005) as amended by S.I. 2003/701, S.I. 2003/2815, S.I. 2004/762, S.I. 2004/1276, S.I. 2004/2663, S.I. 2005/769, S.I. 2005/2919, S.I. 2006/766, S.I. 2007/824, S.I. 2007/2479, S.I. 2008/604, S.I. 2008/2169, S.I. 2009/697, S.I. 2009/2887 and S.I. 2010/751 sets out the charges that are prescribed, and thus relevant childcare charges, for the purposes of section 12 of the Tax Credits Act 2002.

(27) 2002 c. 32.

(28) Cmnd. 9171.

(29) Cmnd. 3906 (out of print; photocopies are available, free of charge, from the Student Support Division, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington DL3 9BG).

“Research Council” (“*Cyngor Ymchwil*”) means any of the following research councils—

- (a) Arts and Humanities Research Council,
- (b) Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council,
- (c) Economic and Social Research Council,
- (d) Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council,
- (e) Medical Research Council,
- (f) Natural Environment Research Council,
- (g) Science and Technology Facilities Council;

“right of permanent residence” (“*hawl i breswyllo'n barhaol*”) means a right arising under Directive 2004/38 to reside in the United Kingdom permanently without restriction;

“sandwich course” (“*cwrs rhyngosod*”) has the meaning given in paragraph (6);

“Scottish healthcare allowance” (“*lwfans gofal iechyd yr Alban*”) means any allowance under sections 73(f) and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980(30) granted in respect of a person attending a course leading to a qualification in a healthcare profession other than as a medical doctor or dentist;

“specified designated course” (“*cwrs dynodedig a bennir*”) has the meaning given in paragraph (7);

“standard student” (“*myfyriwr safonol*”) is a student who is to be taken—

- (a) to have begun the designated course on the same date as the eligible student in question;
- (b) not to be excused any part of the course;
- (c) not to repeat any part of the course; and
- (d) not to be absent from the course other than during vacations;

“statutory award” (“*dyfarniad statudol*”) means any award bestowed, grant paid or other support provided by virtue of the 1998 Act or the 1962 Act, or any comparable award, grant or other support in respect of undertaking a course which is paid out of public funds;

“student loans legislation” (“*y ddeddfwriaeth ar fenthyciadau i fyfyrwyr*”) means the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990(31), the Education (Student Loans) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990(32), the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and regulations made under those Acts or that Order, the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(33) and regulations made under that Order or the 1998 Act and regulations made under the 1998 Act;

“support” (“*cymorth*”), except where otherwise indicated, means financial support by way of grant or loan made by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to regulations made by them under section 22 of the 1998 Act;

“transitional award” (“*dyfarniad trosiannol*”) means an award made under the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1998(34) other than an old award;

“Turkish worker” (“*gweithiwr Twrcaid*”) means a Turkish national who—

- (a) is ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands; and

(30) 1980 c. 44; section 73(f) was amended by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), section 29(1) and the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 6), section 3(2) and section 74 was amended by the Self Governing Schools etc. (Scotland) Act 1989 (c. 39), Schedule 10, paragraph 8(17). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(31) 1990 c. 6; repealed by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), Schedule 4, with savings see the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (Commencement No.2 and Transitional Provisions) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/2004) (C.46).

(32) S.I. 1990/1506 (N.I. 11), amended by S.I. 1996/1274 (N.I. 1), Article 43 and Schedule 5 Part II, S.I. 1996/1918 (N.I. 15), Article 3 and the Schedule and S.I. 1998/258 (N.I. 1), Articles 3 to 6 and revoked, with savings, by SR (NI) 1998 No 306.

(33) S.I.1998/1760 (N.I. 14) to which there have been amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(34) S.I. 1998/1166, amended by S.I.1998/1972 and revoked with savings by S.I. 1999/1494.

(b) is, or has been, lawfully employed in the United Kingdom;

“type 1 teacher training student” (“*myfyriwr math 1 ar gwrs hyfforddi athrawon*”) means a new system eligible student on a course for the initial training of teachers (other than a course for a first degree) whose periods of full-time attendance (including attendance for the purpose of teaching practice) in the academic year in respect of which the student is applying for support under these Regulations are in aggregate at least 6 weeks but less than 10 weeks where the course—

- (a) began before 1 September 2010;
- (b) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers which began before 1 September 2010; or
- (c) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student;

“type 2 teacher training student” (“*myfyriwr math 2 ar gwrs hyfforddi athrawon*”) means a new system eligible student on a course for the initial training of teachers (other than a course for a first degree) whose periods of full-time attendance (including attendance for the purpose of teaching practice) in the academic year in respect of which the student is applying for support under these Regulations are in aggregate 10 weeks or more where the course—

- (a) began before 1 September 2010;
- (b) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers which began before 1 September 2010; or
- (c) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student;

“type 3 teacher training student” (“*myfyriwr math 3 ar gwrs hyfforddi athrawon*”) means a new system eligible student on a course for a first degree for the initial training of teachers whose periods of full-time attendance (including attendance for the purpose of teaching practice) in the academic year in respect of which the student is applying for support under these Regulations are in aggregate at least 6 weeks but less than 10 weeks where the course—

- (a) began before 1 September 2010;
- (b) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers which began before 1 September 2010; or
- (c) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student.

(2) In these Regulations a person is a “2006 gap year student” (“*myfyriwr blwyddyn i ffwrdd 2006*”) in relation to a course provided by or on behalf of an institution that was publicly funded as at 1 August 2005 if the person meets the conditions in paragraphs (3) or (5).

(3) The conditions referred to in paragraph (2) are—

- (a) the person had on or before 1 August 2005 received an offer, whether conditional on obtaining specified qualifications or not, of a place on the present course or a similar course; and
- (b) the first academic year of the present course started on or after 1 September 2006 but before 1 September 2007.

(4) In paragraph (3), a course (“the original course”) is similar to the present course if—

- (a) it appears to the academic authority of the institution providing the present course that the subject-matter of the course is in whole or in part the same as the subject-matter of the original course; and
  - (b) except where the original course is no longer being provided, the present course is provided by the institution which was to have provided the original course.
- (5) The conditions referred to in paragraph (2) are—
- (a) the person had received an offer of a place on a designated course (whether or not at the same institution as the present course) the first academic year of which began before 1 September 2006;
  - (b) the person was unable to take up the offer because a specified qualification or grade was not awarded to the person;
  - (c) the person appealed against the decision not to award the person the qualification or grade;
  - (d) the appeal was allowed after the last date on which the person could have taken up the offer;
  - (e) as a result, the person was offered a place on the present course; and
  - (f) the first academic year of the present course began on or after 1 September 2006 but before 1 September 2007.
- (6) In these Regulations—
- (a) a course is a “sandwich course” (“*cwrs rhyngosod*”) if—
    - (i) it is not a course for the initial training of teachers or an academic year of a designated course that is an Erasmus year;
    - (ii) it consists of alternate periods of full-time study in an institution and periods of work experience; and
    - (iii) taking the course as a whole, the student attends the periods of full-time study for an average of not less than 18 weeks in each year;
  - (b) in calculating the student’s attendance for the purposes of sub-paragraph (a), the course is to be treated as beginning with the first period of full-time study and ending with the last such period;
  - (c) for the purposes of sub-paragraph (a), where periods of full-time study and work experience alternate within any week of the course, the days of full-time study are aggregated with each other and with any weeks of full-time study in determining the number of weeks of full-time study in each year.
- (7) In these Regulations, the “specified designated course” (“*cwrs dynodedig a bennir*”) means the present course subject to paragraphs (8) and (9).
- (8) Where the student’s status as an eligible student has been transferred to the present course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Welsh Ministers from a course (the “initial course”) in connection with which the Welsh Ministers determined the student to be an eligible student pursuant to regulations made by them under section 22 of the 1998 Act, the specified designated course is the initial course.
- (9) Where the present course is an end-on course, the specified designated course is the course in relation to which the present course is an end-on course (the “preceding course”). Where the preceding course is itself an end-on course, the specified designated course is the course in relation to which the preceding course is an end-on course.
- (10) In these Regulations, the expression “student who qualifies for a fee grant” (“*myfyriwr sydd â hawl i gael grant at ffioedd*”), in relation to a qualifying designated course, and any reference to a student who does not qualify for a fee grant are to be construed in accordance with regulation 19.

(11) In these Regulations, the expression “qualifying designated course” (“*cwrs dynodedig cymhwysol*”), in relation to a student who qualifies for a fee grant, has the meaning given to it by regulation 19.

(12) In these Regulations, a person is a “2010 gap year student” (“*myfyriwr blwyddyn i ffwrdd 2010*”) in relation to a course provided by or on behalf of an institution that was publicly funded as at 1 August 2009 if the person meets the conditions in paragraphs (13) or (15).

(13) The conditions referred to in paragraph (12) are—

- (a) the person had on or before 1 August 2009 received an offer, whether conditional or not, of a place on the present course or a similar course; and
- (b) the first academic year of the present course started on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011.

(14) In paragraph (13), a course (“the original course”) is similar to the present course if—

- (a) it appears to the academic authority of the institution providing the present course that the subject-matter of the course is in whole or in part the same as the subject-matter of the original course; and
- (b) except where the original course is no longer being provided, the present course is provided by the institution which was to have provided the original course.

(15) The conditions referred to in paragraph (12) are—

- (a) the person had received an offer of a place on a designated course (whether or not at the same institution as the present course) the first academic year of which began before 1 September 2010;
- (b) the person was unable to take up the offer because a specified qualification or grade was not awarded to the person;
- (c) the person appealed against the decision not to award the person the qualification or grade;
- (d) the appeal was allowed after the last date on which the person could have taken up the offer;
- (e) as a result, the person was offered a place on the present course; and
- (f) the first academic year of the present course began on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011.

(16) In these Regulations, a person is a “2011 gap year student” (“*myfyriwr blwyddyn i ffwrdd 2011*”) in relation to a course provided by or on behalf of an institution that was publicly funded as at 1 August 2010 if that person meets the conditions in paragraphs (17) or (19).

(17) The conditions referred to in paragraph (16) are—

- (a) the person had on or before 1 August 2010 received an offer, whether conditional or not, of a place on the present course or a similar course; and
- (b) the first academic year of the present course started on or after 1 September 2011 but before 1 September 2012.

(18) In paragraph (17), a course (“the original course”) is similar to the present course if—

- (a) it appears to the academic authority of the institution providing the present course that the subject-matter of the course is in whole or in part the same as the subject-matter of the original course; and
- (b) except where the original course is no longer being provided, the present course is provided by the institution which was to have provided the original course.

(19) The conditions referred to in paragraph (16) are—

- (a) the person had received an offer of a place on a designated course (whether or not at the same institution as the present course) the first academic year of which began before 1 September 2011;
  - (b) the person was unable to take up the offer because a specified qualification or grade was not awarded to the person;
  - (c) the person appealed against the decision not to award the person the qualification or grade;
  - (d) the appeal was allowed after the last date on which the person could have taken up the offer;
  - (e) as a result, the person was offered a place on the present course; and
  - (f) the first academic year of the present course began on or after 1 September 2011 but before 1 September 2012.
- (20) For the purposes of these Regulations—
- (a) a 2011 gap year student is to be treated as a 2010 cohort student;
  - (b) subject to paragraph (21), where an eligible student starts the present course on or after 1 September 2011 and that course is an end-on course following on from a designated course (“the earlier course”) which the student started on or after 1 September 2010 and before 1 September 2011, the student is to be treated as a 2010 cohort student;
  - (c) where an eligible student starts the present course on or after 1 September 2011 and whose status as an eligible student transferred to that course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act from a designated course (“the earlier course”) which the student started on or after 1 September 2010 and before 1 September 2011, the student is to be treated as a 2010 cohort student;
  - (d) subject to paragraph (22), where an eligible student starts the present course on or after 1 September 2012 and that course is an end-on course following on from a designated course (“the earlier course”) which the student started on or after 1 September 2011 and before 1 September 2012, the student is to be treated as a 2011 cohort student;
  - (e) subject to paragraph (22), where an eligible student starts the present course on or after 1 September 2012 and whose status as an eligible student transferred to that course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act from a designated course (“the earlier course”) which the student started on or after 1 September 2011 and before 1 September 2012, the student is to be treated as a 2011 cohort student.
- (21) The eligible student referred to in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (20) is not to be treated as a 2010 cohort student if, in relation to the earlier course, the student is a 2010 gap year student.
- (22) The eligible student referred to in sub-paragraphs (d) and (e) of paragraph (20) is not to be treated as a 2011 cohort student, if in relation to the earlier course, the student is a 2011 gap year student.

### **Revocation, savings and transitional provisions**

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (10), the 2011 Regulations are revoked in relation to Wales on 1 September 2012.

(2) The 2003 Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which began on or after 1 September 2003 but before 1 September 2004.

(3) The 2004 Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which began on or after 1 September 2004 but before 1 September 2005.

(4) The 2005 Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which began on or after 1 September 2005 but before 1 September 2006.

(5) The 2006 Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which began on or after 1 September 2006 but before 1 September 2007.

(6) The 2007 Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which began on or after 1 September 2007 but before 1 September 2008.

(7) The 2008 Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which began on or after 1 September 2008 but before 1 September 2009.

(8) The 2008 (No. 2) Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which began on or after 1 September 2009 but before 1 September 2010.

(9) The 2009 Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which began on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011.

(10) The 2011 Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which begins on or after 1 September 2011 but before 1 September 2012.

(11) For the purposes of paragraphs (2) to (4), any reference to the Secretary of State in relation to any function conferred on the Secretary of State by the Regulations referred to in those paragraphs, is to be read in relation to Wales as a reference to—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers, in the case of a function referred to in section 44(1) of the Higher Education Act 2004<sup>(35)</sup>; or
- (b) the Welsh Ministers or the Secretary of State, in the case of a function referred to in section 44(2) of the Higher Education Act 2004.

(12) These Regulations, except Part 14, apply in relation to the provision of support to students in respect of an academic year which begins on or after 1 September 2012 whether anything done under these Regulations is done before, on or after 1 September 2012.

(13) Where a person—

- (a) attends a course in respect of which a transitional award was made; or
- (b) received no award under the 1962 Act in respect of that person's attendance on a course but a transitional award would have been made had the person applied for an award under the 1962 Act and the person's resources had not exceeded the person's requirements,

that person is to be treated as an old system eligible student for the purposes of Parts 4 and 5 of these Regulations in connection with that course or in connection with any subsequent course to which the award (either made or which would have been made) would have transferred if transitional awards provided for payments after the first year of the course, despite any other provision in these Regulations.

(14) Unless paragraph (15) applies to the person referred to in paragraph (13), that person qualifies for support by way of loan for living costs under Part 6 of these Regulations if that person—

- (a) is an eligible student under these Regulations; and
- (b) satisfies the qualifying conditions for support under that Part.

(15) Where a person received or was eligible to receive a loan in relation to an academic year of a course under the 1998 Regulations, that person is to be treated as an old system eligible student for the purposes of Part 6 of these Regulations in connection with—

- (a) that course; or
- (b) any subsequent designated course which (disregarding any intervening vacation) the person begins immediately after ceasing that course,

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(35) 2004 c. 8.



despite any other provisions in these Regulations.

(16) Unless paragraph (13) applies to the person referred to in paragraph (15), that person qualifies for support under Parts 4 and 5 of these Regulations if that person—

- (a) is an eligible student under these Regulations; and
- (b) satisfies the relevant qualifying conditions under those Parts.

## PART 2

### ELIGIBILITY

#### Eligible students

4.—(1) An eligible student qualifies for support in connection with a designated course subject to and in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) Subject to paragraph (7), a person is an eligible student in connection with a designated course if—

- (a) in assessing the person’s application for support under regulation 9 the Welsh Ministers determine that the person falls within one of the categories set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) the person is not excluded by paragraph (3).

(3) Subject to paragraph (7), a person (“A” in this paragraph) is not an eligible student if—

- (a) an old award has been bestowed on A in respect of A’s attendance on the course;
- (b) A is eligible for a loan in relation to an academic year of the course under the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990 or the Education (Student Loans) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990;
- (c) there has been bestowed on, or paid to, A in relation to A’s attendance on the course—
  - (i) a healthcare bursary the amount of which is not calculated by reference to A’s income; or
  - (ii) any allowance under the Nursing and Midwifery Student Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 2007<sup>(36)</sup>;
- (d) A is in breach of any obligation to repay any loan;
- (e) A has reached the age of 18 and has not ratified any agreement for a loan made with A when A was under the age of 18; or
- (f) A has, in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, shown by A’s conduct that A is unfitted to receive support under these Regulations.

(4) For the purposes of paragraphs (3)(d) and (3)(e), “loan” (“*benthyciad*”) means a loan made under the student loans legislation.

(5) In a case where the agreement for a loan is subject to the law of Scotland, paragraph (3)(e) only applies if the agreement was made—

- (a) before 25 September 1991, and
- (b) with the concurrence of the borrower’s curator or at a time when the borrower had no curator.

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(36) S.S.I. 2007/151, as amended by S.S.I. 2007/503, S.S.I. 2008/206, S.S.I. 2009/188 and S.S.I. 2009/309.

(6) An eligible student in respect of whom the first academic year of the specified designated course begins on or after 1 September 2000 does not, at any one time, qualify for support under these Regulations for—

- (a) more than one designated course;
- (b) a designated course and a designated part-time course;
- (c) a designated course and a designated postgraduate course;
- (d) a designated course and a designated distance learning course.

(7) Subject to paragraphs (9) to (11), if a person satisfies the conditions in paragraph (8)(a),(b) or (c)—

- (a) paragraphs (2) and (3) do not apply to the person; and
- (b) the person is an eligible student for the purposes of these Regulations.

(8) The conditions referred to in paragraph (7) are—

- (a) the—
  - (i) person qualified as an eligible student in connection with an earlier academic year of the present course pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (ii) person was ordinarily resident in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of the present course; and
  - (iii) person's status has not terminated;

- (b) the—
  - (i) present course is an end-on course (other than one of the kind referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of "end-on course" in regulation 2) which the person is starting on or after 1 September 2006;
  - (ii) person qualified as an eligible student in connection with the course in relation to which the present course is an end-on course;
  - (iii) period of eligibility in respect of the course in sub-paragraph (b)(ii) only ceased on the grounds that the student had completed the course; and
  - (iv) person was ordinarily resident in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of the course in sub-paragraph (b)(ii);

- (c) the—
  - (i) Welsh Ministers have previously determined that the person is an eligible—
    - (aa) part-time student in connection with a designated part-time course;
    - (bb) student in connection with a designated course other than the present course;or
    - (cc) distance learning student in connection with a designated distance learning course;
  - (ii) person's status as an eligible part-time student, an eligible distance learning student or as an eligible student in connection with the course in sub-paragraph (c)(i) has been converted or transferred from that course to the present course as a result of one or more conversions or transfers in accordance with regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (iii) person was ordinarily resident in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of the course referred to in sub-paragraph (c)(i); and
  - (iv) person's status as an eligible student has not terminated.

(9) Where—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers have determined that, by virtue of being a refugee or the spouse, civil partner, child or step-child of a refugee, a person (“A” in this paragraph) was—
  - (i) an eligible student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the present course, an application for support for a course in relation to which the present course is an end-on course or an application for support in connection with a designated part-time course, a designated distance learning course or other designated course from which A’s status as an eligible part-time student, an eligible distance learning student or an eligible student has been transferred to the present course; or
  - (ii) a qualifying student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the qualifying course or other qualifying course from which A’s status as a qualifying student has been transferred to the qualifying course in respect of which the student is applying for support; and
- (b) as at the day before the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support starts, the refugee status of A or of A’s spouse, civil partner, parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) or step-parent, as the case may be, has expired and no further leave to remain has been granted and no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002)

A’s status as an eligible or qualifying student terminates immediately before the first day of the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support.

(10) Where—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers have determined that, by virtue of being a person with leave to enter or remain or the spouse, civil partner, child or step-child of such a person, a person (“A” in this paragraph) was—
  - (i) an eligible student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the present course, an application for support for a course in relation to which the present course is an end-on course or an application for support in connection with a designated part-time course, designated distance learning course or other designated course from which A’s status as an eligible part-time student, eligible distance learning student or eligible student has been transferred to the present course; or
  - (ii) a qualifying student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the qualifying course or other qualifying course from which A’s status as a qualifying student has been transferred to the qualifying course in respect of which the student is applying for support; and
- (b) as at the day before the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support starts, the period for which the person with leave to enter or remain is allowed to stay in the United Kingdom has expired and no further leave to remain has been granted and no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002),

A’s status as an eligible or qualifying student terminates immediately before the first day of the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support.

(11) Paragraphs (9) and (10) do not apply where the student began the course in connection with which the Welsh Ministers determined that A was an eligible part-time student, an eligible student or a qualifying student, as the case may be, before 1 September 2007.

## Designated courses

5.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), a course is a designated course for the purposes of section 22(1) of the 1998 Act and regulation 4 if it is—

- (a) listed in Schedule 2;
- (b) one of the following—
  - (i) a full-time course;
  - (ii) a sandwich course; or
  - (iii) a course for the initial training of teachers which—
    - (aa) began before 1 September 2010;
    - (bb) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers which began before 1 September 2010; or
    - (cc) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student;
- (c) not a designated distance learning course;
- (d) of at least—
  - (i) one academic year's duration; or
  - (ii) six weeks' duration in the case of a flexible postgraduate ITT course; and
- (e) wholly provided by a publicly funded educational institution in the United Kingdom or provided by such an institution in conjunction with an institution outside the United Kingdom.

(2) A course falling within paragraph 7 or 8 of Schedule 2 is not a designated course where the governing body of a maintained school has arranged for the provision of such a course to a pupil of the school.

(3) A course that is taken as part of an employment-based teacher training scheme is not a designated course.

(4) Paragraph (1)(c) does not apply where the person applying for support under regulation 9 in connection with the course is—

- (a) a disabled eligible student; and
- (b) undertaking that course in the United Kingdom but not in attendance because the person is unable to attend for a reason which relates to the person's disability.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (1)—

- (a) a course is provided by an institution if it provides the teaching and supervision which comprise the course, whether or not the institution has entered into an agreement with the student to provide the course;
- (b) a university and any constituent college or institution in the nature of a college of a university is regarded as publicly funded if either the university or the constituent college or institution is publicly funded; and
- (c) an institution is not regarded as publicly funded by reason only that it receives public funds from the governing body of a higher education institution in accordance with section 65(3A) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992(37).

(6) A course to which this paragraph applies is considered to be a single course for a first degree or for an equivalent qualification even if—

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(37) 1992 c. 13; section 65(3A) was inserted by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), section 27.

(a) the course leads to another degree or qualification being conferred before the degree or equivalent qualification; and

(b) part of the course is optional.

(7) Paragraph (6) applies to a course the standard of which is not higher than a first degree which leads to a qualification as a medical doctor, dentist, veterinary surgeon, architect, landscape architect, landscape designer, landscape manager, town planner or town and country planner.

(8) For the purposes of section 22 of the 1998 Act and regulation 4(1) the Welsh Ministers may designate courses of higher education which are not designated under paragraph (1).

### **Period of eligibility**

**6.—**(1) A student's status as an eligible student is retained in connection with a designated course until that status terminates in accordance with this regulation or regulation 4.

(2) The period for which an eligible student retains the status referred to in paragraph (1) is the "period of eligibility" (*"cyfnod cymhwysra"*).

(3) Subject to the following paragraphs and regulation 4, the "period of eligibility" terminates at the end of the academic year in which the student completes the designated course.

(4) The period of eligibility terminates when the eligible student—

(a) withdraws from the eligible student's designated course in circumstances where the Welsh Ministers have not transferred or converted or will not transfer or convert the eligible student's status as an eligible student under regulation 8, regulation 84 or regulation 109; or

(b) abandons or is expelled from the eligible student's designated course.

(5) The Welsh Ministers may terminate the period of eligibility where the eligible student has shown by the eligible student's conduct that the eligible student is unfitted to receive support.

(6) If the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that an eligible student has failed to comply with any requirement to provide information under these Regulations or has provided information which is inaccurate in a material particular, the Welsh Ministers may take such of the following actions as they consider appropriate in the circumstances—

(a) terminate the period of eligibility;

(b) determine that the student no longer qualifies for any particular support or particular amount of support under these Regulations;

(c) treat any support paid to the student under these Regulations as an overpayment which may be recovered under regulations 70, 88, 114, 124 and paragraph 15 of Schedule 4.

(7) Where the period of eligibility terminates before the end of the academic year in which the student completes the designated course, the Welsh Ministers may, at any time, renew the period of eligibility for such period as they determine.

(8) Despite paragraph (1), a new system eligible student or 2006 gap year student who has not attended a previous course is only eligible for a grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan, fee loan or a grant for living costs in respect of the present course for the number of academic years equal to **OD+R+1**.

(9) Despite paragraph (1) and subject to paragraph (11), a new system eligible student or 2006 gap year student who has attended a previous course is only eligible for a grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan, fee loan or a grant for living costs in respect of the present course for the number of academic years equal to **(OD+R+1) –PC**, except that—

(a) no deduction equivalent to **PC** applies in the case of a teacher training student; and

(b) one additional year is added in the case of an eligible student who did not complete successfully the latest previous course because of compelling personal reasons.

(10) Paragraph (11) applies to—

- (a) a new system eligible student who is on an end-on course of the kind described in paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition of “end-on course” in regulation 2;
- (b) a new system eligible student who—
  - (i) has completed a full-time course listed in paragraph 2 or 3 of Schedule 2;
  - (ii) is on a full-time first degree course (other than a first degree course for the initial training of teachers) that the student did not begin immediately after the course referred to in paragraph (i); and
  - (iii) has not taken a full-time first degree course after the course referred to in paragraph (i) and before the present course;
- (c) a new system eligible student who—
  - (i) has completed a full-time foundation degree course;
  - (ii) is on a full-time honours degree course that the student did not begin immediately after the course referred to in paragraph (i) and before the present course; and
  - (iii) has not taken a full-time first degree course after the course referred to in paragraph (i) and before the present course; and
- (d) an old system eligible student who is a student on an end-on course of the kind described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the definition of “end-on course” in regulation 2.

(11) Despite paragraph (1), an eligible student to whom this paragraph applies is only eligible for a grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan, fee loan or a grant for living costs in respect of the present course for the number of academic years equal to  $(\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{X}) - \mathbf{PrC}$ .

(12) Despite paragraph (1), a continuing student is only eligible for a grant for fees, a fee contribution loan or a grant for living costs in respect of the present course for the number of academic years equal to  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{1}) - \mathbf{Y}$ .

(13) Despite paragraph (1) and subject to paragraph (14), a transferring student is only eligible for a grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan, fee loan or a grant for living costs in respect of the present course for the number of academic years equal to  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{1}) - \mathbf{Y}$ .

(14) A transferring student starting the first full academic year of a further course to which the student transfers under regulation 8 on or after 1 September 2011 is only eligible for a grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan, fee loan or a grant for living costs in respect of the further course for the number of years equal to  $(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{1}) - \mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{Z}$ .

(15) In any case where the number of academic years for which a grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan, fee loan or a grant for living costs is available in accordance with this regulation is less than the number of academic years that make up the period ordinarily required for the completion of the present course, the academic years in which the student is eligible for such a grant or loan for fees or a grant for living costs are the latest years of the present course.

(16) In this regulation—

- (a) **A** is the number of academic years from 31 August 2006 that make up the period ordinarily required for the completion of the present course or, in the case of a transferring student, the previous course;
- (b) **D** is the greater of 3 and a number of academic years that make up the ordinary duration of the course;
- (c) **OD** is the number of academic years that make up the period ordinarily required for the completion of the present course;
- (d) **PC** is the number of years of attendance by the eligible student on a previous course;

- (e) **X** is 1 where the ordinary duration of the preliminary course was less than three years and 2 where the ordinary duration of the preliminary course was three years;
- (f) **R** is the number of repeated academic years on the present course starting on or after 1 September 2006 that are repeats of preceding academic years that the eligible student was unable to complete successfully because of compelling personal reasons;
- (g) **PrC** is the number of academic years that the student spent on the preliminary course excluding any years of repeat study for compelling personal reasons;
- (h) **Y** is the number of years of the present course, or the previous course in the case of a transferring student, in respect of which it has been determined before 1 September 2006 under regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act that support was not available;
- (i) **Z** is the number of academic years spent on a previous course beginning on or after 1 September 2006;
- (j) “continuing student” (“*myfyriwr sy'n parhau*”) is an old system eligible student who started the present course before 1 September 2006 and is continuing on that course after 31 August 2012;
- (k) “teacher training student” (“*myfyriwr ar gwrs hyfforddi athrawon*”) means a student who is not a qualified teacher attending a course for the initial training of teachers where the duration of the course does not exceed 2 years and where the course is—
  - (i) a full-time course; or
  - (ii) a part-time course (the duration of which being expressed as its full-time equivalent) and either the course—
    - (aa) began before 1 September 2010;
    - (bb) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers beginning before 1 September 2010; or
    - (cc) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student;
- (l) “transferring student” (“*myfyriwr sy'n trosglwyddo*”) means an old system eligible student who—
  - (i) began a designated course on or after 1 September 2006 and is continuing on that course after 31 August 2012; or
  - (ii) begins a designated course on or after 1 September 2012 and whose status as an eligible student transferred to the course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Welsh Ministers pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act from a designated course that the eligible student began before 1 September 2006.

(17) In calculating the number of years for the purpose of this regulation, attendance for part of an academic year is treated as a whole academic year.

(18) The Welsh Ministers may, at any time, renew or extend the period of eligibility for such further period as they determine.

(19) The Welsh Ministers may confer eligibility to a grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan, fee loan or a grant for living costs otherwise than in accordance with paragraphs (8) to (16).

(20) For the purposes of this regulation and subject to the exceptions in paragraphs (22), (23) and (24) a “previous course” is any full-time higher education course or any part-time course for the initial training of teachers which the student began to attend or, in the case of a compressed degree

course or a designated distance learning course, undertake before the present course and which meets one or both of the conditions in paragraph (21).

- (21) The conditions referred to in paragraph (20) are—
- (a) the course is provided by an institution in the United Kingdom which was publicly funded for some or all of the academic years during which the student took the course; or
  - (b) any scholarship, exhibition, bursary, grant, allowance or award of any description which was paid in respect of the student's attending or, in the case of a compressed degree course or a designated distance learning course, undertaking the course to defray fees was from public funds or funds attributable to public funds.
- (22) A course which would otherwise be a previous course will not be treated as such if—
- (a) the present course is a course for the initial training of teachers;
  - (b) the duration of the present course does not exceed two years where the present course is—
    - (i) a full-time course; or
    - (ii) a part-time course (the duration of which being expressed as its full-time equivalent) and either the present course—
      - (aa) began before 1 September 2010;
      - (bb) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers beginning before 1 September 2010; or
      - (cc) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student; and
  - (c) the student is not a qualified teacher.
- (23) A course for the Certificate in Education which would otherwise be a previous course will not be treated as such if—
- (a) the present course is a course for the degree (including an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education;
  - (b) the student transferred to the present course from the course for the Certificate in Education before the completion of that course or began the present course on completion of the course for the Certificate in Education.
- (24) A course for the degree (other than an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education will not be treated as a previous course if—
- (a) the present course is a course for the honours degree of Bachelor of Education;
  - (b) the student transferred to the present course from the course for the degree (other than an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education before the completion of that course or began the present course on completion of the course for the degree (other than an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education.

### **Previous study**

7.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), an eligible student who has attained an honours degree from an institution in the United Kingdom does not qualify for a grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan or a fee loan.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), an eligible student ("A" in this paragraph) who starts A's designated course on or after 1 September 2006 does not qualify for a loan for living costs if A has attained an honours degree from an institution in the United Kingdom.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to an eligible student attending a designated course where—



- (a) the course is a course for the initial training of teachers;
  - (b) the duration of the course does not exceed two years where the course is—
    - (i) a full-time course; or
    - (ii) a part-time course (the duration of which being expressed as its full-time equivalent) and either the course—
      - (aa) began before 1 September 2010;
      - (bb) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers beginning before 1 September 2010; or
      - (cc) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student; and
  - (c) the eligible student is not a qualified teacher.
- (4) Where the present course is considered to be a single course because of regulations 5(6) and 5(7) and it leads to an honours degree from an institution in the United Kingdom being conferred on the eligible student before the final degree or equivalent qualifications, the eligible student is not prevented from qualifying for support under these Regulations by virtue of paragraph (1) or (2) in respect of any part of the single course by virtue of having that honours degree.
- (5) Paragraph (2) does not apply where—
- (a) the present course leads to qualification as a social worker, medical doctor, dentist, veterinary surgeon or architect;
  - (b) the eligible student is to receive any payment under a—
    - (i) healthcare bursary the amount of which is calculated by reference to the student's income; or
    - (ii) Scottish healthcare allowance the amount of which is calculated by reference to the student's income in respect of any academic year of the present course; or
  - (c) the present course is a course for the initial training of teachers which is—
    - (i) a full-time course; or
    - (ii) a part-time course which—
      - (aa) began before 1 September 2010;
      - (bb) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers beginning before 1 September 2010; or
      - (cc) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student.

### **Transfer of status**

**8.—**(1) Where an eligible student transfers from a designated course to another designated course, the Welsh Ministers must transfer the student's status as an eligible student to that other course where—

- (a) they receive a request from the eligible student to do so;
  - (b) they are satisfied that one or more of the grounds of transfer in paragraph (2) applies; and
  - (c) the period of eligibility has not terminated.
- (2) The grounds of transfer are—

- (a) on the recommendation of the academic authority the eligible student ceases one designated course and starts to—
  - (i) attend another designated course at the same institution;
  - (ii) undertake another compressed degree course at the same institution; or
  - (iii) undertake a compressed degree course at the same institution;
- (b) the eligible student starts to—
  - (i) attend a designated course at another institution; or
  - (ii) undertake a compressed degree course at another institution;
- (c) after commencing a course for the Certificate in Education, the eligible student is, on or before the completion of that course, admitted to a designated course for the degree (including an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education either at the same institution or at another institution;
- (d) after commencing a course for the degree (other than an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education, the eligible student is, on or before completion of that course, admitted to a designated course for the honours degree of Bachelor of Education either at the same institution or at another institution; or
- (e) after commencing a course for a first degree (other than an honours degree) the eligible student is, before the completion of that course, admitted to a designated course for an honours degree in the same subject at the institution.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), an eligible student who transfers under paragraph (1) is entitled to receive in connection with the academic year of the course to which the student transfers the remainder of the support assessed by the Welsh Ministers under these Regulations in respect of the academic year of the course from which the student transfers.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may re-assess the amount of support payable under these Regulations after the transfer.

(5) An eligible student who transfers under paragraph (1) after the Welsh Ministers have assessed the eligible student's support in connection with the academic year of the course from which the eligible student is transferring but before the eligible student completes that year may not, in connection with the academic year of the course to which the eligible student transfers, apply for another grant or loan of a kind that the eligible student has already applied for under these Regulations in connection with the academic year of the course from which the eligible student is transferring unless otherwise provided.

## **PART 3**

### **APPLYING FOR SUPPORT AND PROVISION OF INFORMATION**

#### **Applications for support**

**9.—(1)** A person must apply for support in connection with each academic year of a designated course by completing and submitting to the Welsh Ministers an application in such form and accompanied by such documentation as the Welsh Ministers may require.

(2) The Welsh Ministers may take such steps and make such inquiries as they consider necessary to determine whether the applicant is an eligible student, whether the applicant qualifies for support under these Regulations and the amount of support payable, if any.

(3) The Welsh Ministers must notify the applicant of whether or not the applicant qualifies for support under these Regulations and, if the applicant does qualify, the amount of support payable in respect of the academic year, if any.

### **Time limits**

**10.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the application must reach the Welsh Ministers no later than the end of the ninth month of the academic year in respect of which it is submitted.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply where—

- (a) one of the events listed in regulation 15 occurs after the first day of the academic year in respect of which the applicant is applying for support under these Regulations, in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers within a period of nine months beginning with the day on which the relevant event occurs;
- (b) the applicant is making a separate application for a fee loan under regulation 23 or regulation 24 or a fee contribution loan under regulation 22 or a loan for living costs under regulation 46 or a college fee loan under Schedule 4 or is applying for an additional amount of fee loan under regulation 23(3), an additional amount of fee contribution loan under regulation 22(6) or an additional amount of fee loan under regulation 24(3) or an additional amount of loan for living costs under regulation 61(3) or an additional amount of college fee loan under paragraph 10(2) of Schedule 4 in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers not later than one month before the end of the academic year to which the application relates;
- (c) the applicant is applying to borrow an additional amount of fee contribution loan under regulation 22(4) or an additional amount of loan for living costs under regulation 61(1), in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers not later than one month before the end of the academic year to which the application relates or within a period of one month beginning with the day on which the applicant receives notice of the increased maximum amount, whichever is the later;
- (d) the applicant is applying for a grant under regulation 26, in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers as soon as is reasonably practicable;
- (e) the Welsh Ministers consider that having regard to the circumstances of the particular case the time limit should be relaxed, in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers not later than such date as they specify in writing.

### **Information**

**11.** Schedule 3 applies in respect of the provision of information by an applicant and an eligible student.

### **Requirement to enter into a contract for a loan**

**12.** To receive a loan under these Regulations an eligible student must enter into a contract with the Welsh Ministers on terms to be decided by the Welsh Ministers.

## PART 4

### GRANTS AND LOANS FOR FEES

#### Chapter 1

#### GENERAL PROVISION

##### Fee Support Generally

**13.**—(1) Fee support under this Part in respect of an academic year may not exceed the fees payable by the eligible student in respect of that academic year.

(2) For the purposes of calculating the amount of fee support under this Part, an institution that provides courses designated by regulation 4 of the Education (Student Support) (Dance and Drama) Regulations 1999<sup>(38)</sup> is not to be regarded as publicly funded by reason only that it receives public funds from the governing body of a higher education institution in accordance with section 65(3A) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992<sup>(39)</sup>.

(3) An eligible student to whom paragraph (4) applies is treated as if the eligible student were in attendance on the designated course for the purpose of qualifying for fee support.

(4) This paragraph applies to—

- (a) a compressed degree student;
- (b) a disabled eligible student who—
  - (i) is not a compressed degree student; and
  - (ii) is undertaking a designated course in the United Kingdom but is not in attendance because the eligible student is unable to attend for a reason which relates to the eligible student's disability.

##### Students becoming eligible during the course of an academic year

**14.** Where any of the events listed in regulation 15 occurs in the course of an academic year—

- (a) a student may qualify for grants and loans under this Part in respect of that academic year provided that the relevant event occurred within the first three months of the academic year; and
- (b) such grants and loans are not available to the student in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.

##### Events

**15.** The events are—

- (a) the student's course becomes a designated course;
- (b) the student or the student's spouse, civil partner or parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) is recognised as a refugee or becomes a person with leave to enter or remain;
- (c) a state accedes to the European Union where the student is a national of that state or a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) of a national of that state;
- (d) the student becomes a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) of an EU national;
- (e) the student acquires the right of permanent residence;

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<sup>(38)</sup> S.I. 1999/2263, amended by S.I. 2001/2893.

<sup>(39)</sup> 1992 c. 13; section 65(3A) was inserted by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), section 27.

- (f) the student becomes the child of a Turkish worker;
- (g) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 1; or
- (h) the student becomes the child of a Swiss national.

## Chapter 2

### GRANTS FOR FEES

#### **Grants for fees: qualifying conditions for old system eligible students**

**16.**—(1) Subject to regulations 6 and 7, an old system eligible student qualifies in accordance with this regulation for a grant in respect of the fees for an academic year payable by the student in respect of, or otherwise in connection with, the student's attendance on a designated course.

(2) The amount of the grant for fees in respect of an academic year is determined in accordance with regulation 17 or 18.

(3) An old system eligible student does not qualify for a grant for fees in respect of an academic year of a designated course if—

- (a) that year is a bursary year or an Erasmus year; or
- (b) the designated course is a flexible postgraduate ITT course.

#### **Amount of grants for fees at a publicly funded institution and at a private institution on behalf of a publicly funded institution: old system eligible students**

**17.**—(1) Unless one of the cases set out in paragraph (4) applies, the basic amount of the grant for fees for an old system eligible student in respect of an academic year of a designated course at a publicly funded institution is the lesser of—

- (a) £1,380; and
- (b) the fees payable by the old system eligible student in connection with that year.

(2) The basic amount of the grant for fees for an old system eligible student in respect of an academic year in the cases in paragraph (4) is the lesser of—

- (a) £680; and
- (b) the fees payable by the old system eligible student in connection with that year.

(3) Where a contribution exceeding nil is calculated under Schedule 5, a deduction will be made from the grant for fees determined under paragraph (1) or (2) in accordance with regulation 64.

(4) The cases are—

- (a) the final academic year of the designated course where that year is ordinarily required to be completed after less than 15 weeks' attendance;
- (b) in respect of a sandwich course, an academic year—
  - (i) during which any periods of full-time study are in aggregate less than 10 weeks; or
  - (ii) if in respect of that academic year and any previous academic years of the course the aggregate of any one or more periods of attendance which are not periods of full-time study at the institution (disregarding intervening vacations) exceeds 30 weeks;
- (c) in respect of a course for the initial training of teachers (including a course leading to a first degree) which—
  - (i) began before 1 September 2010;

- (ii) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers beginning before 1 September 2010; or
- (iii) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student, an academic year during which any periods of full-time study are in aggregate less than 10 weeks;
- (d) in respect of a course provided in conjunction with an overseas institution, an academic year—
  - (i) during which the periods of full-time study at the institution in the United Kingdom are in aggregate less than 10 weeks; or
  - (ii) if in respect of that academic year and any previous academic years of the course the aggregate of any one or more periods of attendance which are not periods of full-time study at the institution in the United Kingdom (disregarding intervening vacations) exceeds 30 weeks.
- (5) In the case of a designated course at Heythrop College, the amount of the grant for fees in respect of an academic year is £2,465.
- (6) In the case of a designated course at Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the amount of the grant for fees in respect of an academic year is £5,030.
- (7) The basic amount of the grant for fees in respect of an academic year at a private institution providing a designated course on behalf of a publicly funded institution is the lesser of £1,285 and the fees payable by the student in connection with that year if—
  - (a) the designated course began on or after 1 September 2001;
  - (b) the designated course is provided on behalf of a publicly funded institution; and
  - (c) none of the circumstances in regulation 17(4) apply.
- (8) The basic amount of the grant for fees in respect of an academic year at a private institution providing a designated course on behalf of a publicly funded institution is the lesser of £680 and the fees payable by the old system eligible student in connection with that year if—
  - (a) the designated course began on or after 1 September 2001;
  - (b) the designated course is provided on behalf of a publicly funded institution; and
  - (c) one or more of the circumstances in regulation 17(4) applies.
- (9) Where a contribution exceeding nil is calculated under Schedule 5, a deduction will be made from the amount of the grant for fees determined under paragraph (7) or (8) in accordance with regulation 64.

**Amount of the grant for fees at a private institution (not on behalf of a publicly funded institution): old system eligible students**

- 18.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the amount of the grant for fees in respect of an academic year of a designated course at a private institution is the lesser of—
- (a) £1,285; and
  - (b) the fees payable by the student in connection with that year.
- (2) In the case of a designated course at the University of Buckingham, the amount of the grant for fees in respect of an academic year is £3,275.

## Fee grant

19.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), an eligible student who qualifies for a fee grant may apply for a fee grant of an amount not exceeding the maximum available (in accordance with paragraph (3) or (4), as the case may be) in respect of, or otherwise in connection with, the eligible student's attendance on a qualifying designated course.

(2) A fee grant is not available in respect of an academic year if—

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

(3) The maximum amount of grant available under this regulation to an applicant in respect of an academic year of a qualifying designated course where none of the circumstances in regulation 17(4) apply is £2,085 or the amount by which the fees payable by the applicant exceed £1,380, whichever is the lesser.

(4) The maximum amount of grant available in respect of such an academic year under this regulation to an applicant where one of the circumstances in regulation 17(4) applies is £1,045 or the amount by which the fees payable by the applicant exceed £680, whichever is the lesser.

(5) In these Regulations and subject to paragraph (6), “eligible student who qualifies for a fee grant” (*“myfyriwr cymwys sydd â hawl i gael grant at ffioedd”*), in relation to a qualifying designated course, means a new system eligible student who is a person whom the Welsh Ministers have determined in connection with the designated course falls within one of the categories set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1.

(6) A new cohort student is not an eligible student who qualifies for a fee grant.

(7) In these Regulations, “qualifying designated course” (*“cwrs dynodedig cymhwysol”*), in relation to a student who qualifies for a fee grant, means a designated course provided by a publicly funded institution in Wales.

## New fee grant

20.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a new system eligible student who is a 2012 cohort student qualifies in accordance with this regulation for a new fee grant in respect of, or otherwise in connection with, the 2012 cohort student's attendance on a designated course.

(2) A new fee grant is not available in respect of an academic year if that year is a bursary year or an Erasmus year.

(3) The maximum amount of new fee grant available under this regulation to a 2012 cohort student in respect of an academic year of a designated course where none of the circumstances in regulation 17(4) applies is the lesser of—

- (a) £5,535; or
- (b) the amount by which the fees payable by the applicant exceed £3,465.

(4) The maximum amount of new fee grant available in respect of such an academic year under this regulation to a 2012 cohort student where one of the circumstances in regulation 17(4) applies is the lesser of—

- (a) £2,775; or
- (b) the amount by which the fees payable by the application exceed £1,725.

## Chapter 3

### FEE CONTRIBUTION LOANS AND FEE LOANS

#### General qualifying conditions for fee contribution loans and fee loans

**21.**—(1) An eligible student qualifies for a fee contribution loan or a fee loan in connection with the student's attendance on a designated course in accordance with this Part provided that the student is not excluded from qualification by the following paragraph, regulation 6 or regulation 7.

(2) An eligible student does not qualify for a fee contribution loan or a fee loan in respect of an academic year if—

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

#### Fee contribution loans (for old system eligible students)

**22.**—(1) An old system eligible student qualifies for a fee contribution loan in respect of an academic year of a designated course if—

- (a) the old system eligible student qualifies for a grant for fees in respect of that year or would have qualified if the old system eligible student had applied for the grant (even if the amount would have been nil); and
- (b) the designated course is provided by or on behalf of an institution that was publicly funded as at 1 August 2005.

(2) Where an old system eligible student applies for a grant for fees and a fee contribution loan, the amount of the fee contribution loan in respect of an academic year of the designated course is the amount for which the old system eligible student applies not exceeding the amount deducted from the old system eligible student's grant for fees in accordance with regulation 64.

(3) Where the only fee support for which an old system eligible student applies is a fee contribution loan, the amount of that loan in respect of an academic year of the designated course is the amount for which the old system eligible student applies not exceeding £1,380 or, if any of the circumstances in regulation 17(4) apply, £680.

(4) An old system eligible student may apply to borrow an additional amount of fee contribution loan where—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers determine that the maximum amount of fee contribution loan which has been notified to the old system eligible student in relation to an academic year should be increased (including an increase from nil) as a result of a reassessment of the old system eligible student's contribution or otherwise; and
- (b) the Welsh Ministers consider that the increase in the maximum amount does not result from the old system eligible student —
  - (i) failing to provide information promptly which might affect the old system eligible student's ability to qualify for a fee contribution loan for which the old system eligible student qualifies; or
  - (ii) providing information which is inaccurate in any material particular.

(5) The additional amount in paragraph (4) is an amount which when added to the amount already applied for does not exceed the increased maximum.

(6) Where an old system eligible student has applied for a fee contribution loan of less than the maximum amount to which the old system eligible student is entitled in relation to the academic year, the old system eligible student may apply to borrow an additional amount which, when added to



the amount already applied for, does not exceed the relevant maximum applicable in the old system eligible student's case.

#### **Fee loans: new system eligible students not qualifying for a fee grant**

**23.—**(1) A new system eligible student qualifies in accordance with this regulation for a loan in respect of the fees payable by the new system eligible student in respect of, or otherwise in connection with the new system eligible student's attendance on a designated course.

(2) The amount of a fee loan in respect of an academic year of a designated course must not exceed the lesser of—

- (a) £3,465 or, where one of the circumstances in paragraph 17(4) applies, £1,725; and
- (b) the fees payable by the student in respect of, or otherwise in connection with, that year.

(3) Where a new system eligible student has applied for a fee loan of less than the maximum amount available in relation to an academic year, the new system eligible student may apply to borrow an additional amount which when added to the amount already applied for does not exceed the relevant maximum applicable in the new system eligible student's case.

(4) This regulation does not apply in relation to a student if the student qualifies for a fee grant and the course is a qualifying designated course.

#### **Fee loans: new system eligible students qualifying for a fee grant**

**24.—**(1) A new system eligible student who qualifies for a fee grant may apply under this regulation for a fee loan in respect of the new system eligible student's attendance on the qualifying designated course.

(2) The maximum amount of fee loan available under this regulation is the lesser of—

- (a) £1,380 or, where any of the circumstances in regulation 17(4) apply, £680; and
- (b) the remainder of the fees payable by the new system eligible student less an amount equal to the fee grant in respect of or otherwise in connection with that year.

(3) Where the new system eligible student has applied for a fee loan of less than the maximum amount available in relation to an academic year, the new system eligible student may apply to borrow an additional amount which, when added to the amount already applied for, does not exceed that maximum.

## **PART 5**

### **GRANTS FOR LIVING COSTS**

#### **General qualifying conditions for grants for living costs**

**25.—**(1) An eligible student qualifies for a grant under this Part provided that—

- (a) the eligible student is not excluded from qualification by any of the following paragraphs, regulation 6 or regulation 7; and
- (b) the eligible student satisfies the qualifying conditions for the particular grant for which the eligible student is applying.

(2) An eligible student does not qualify for a grant under this Part if the only paragraph in Part 2 of Schedule 1 into which the eligible student falls is paragraph 9.

(3) An eligible student does not qualify for a grant under this Part in respect of—

- (a) an academic year which is a bursary year;

- (b) an academic year of a course for the initial training of teachers which—
- (i) began before 1 September 2010;
  - (ii) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the eligible student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers beginning before 1 September 2010; or
  - (iii) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student,
- during which the periods of full-time attendance, including attendance for the purpose of teaching practice, are in aggregate less than 6 weeks;
- (c) a flexible postgraduate ITT course which is of less than one academic year's duration.
- (4) Paragraph (3)(b) does not apply for the purposes of regulation 26.
- (5) An eligible student does not qualify for a grant under this Part in respect of any academic year of a sandwich course where the periods of full-time study are in aggregate less than 10 weeks unless the periods of work experience constitute unpaid service.
- (6) For the purposes of paragraph (5), “unpaid service” (“*gwasanaeth di-dâl*”) means—
- (a) unpaid service in a hospital or in a public health service laboratory or with a primary care trust in the United Kingdom;
  - (b) unpaid service with a local authority in the United Kingdom acting in the exercise of their functions relating to the care of children and young persons, health or welfare or with a voluntary organisation providing facilities or carrying out activities of a like nature in the United Kingdom;
  - (c) unpaid service in the prison or probation and aftercare service in the United Kingdom;
  - (d) unpaid research in an institution in the United Kingdom or, in the case of an eligible student attending an overseas institution as part of the eligible student's course, in an overseas institution; or
  - (e) unpaid service with—
    - (i) a Strategic Health Authority established pursuant to section 13 of the National Health Service Act 2006 or a Special Health Authority established pursuant to section 28 of that Act<sup>(40)</sup>;
    - (ii) a Local Health Board established pursuant to section 11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 or a Special Health Authority established pursuant to section 22 of that Act<sup>(41)</sup>;
    - (iii) a Health Board or a Special Health Board constituted under section 2 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978<sup>(42)</sup>; or
    - (iv) the Regional Health and Social Care Board or the Regional Agency for Public Health and Social Well-being established under sections 7 and 12 of the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009<sup>(43)</sup>.
- (7) Subject to paragraph (8), an eligible student does not qualify for a grant under regulations 37 to 45 in respect of an academic year of the designated course if the student does not qualify for relevant support in respect of that academic year.
- (8) Paragraph (7) does not apply if the reason that the student does not qualify for relevant support in respect of an academic year of a designated course is because—

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<sup>(40)</sup> 2006 c. 41.

<sup>(41)</sup> 2006 c. 42.

<sup>(42)</sup> 1978 c. 29 to which there have been amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(43)</sup> 2009 c. 1 (N.I.).

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

(9) In paragraph (7) “relevant support” (“*cymorth perthnasol*”) means, in the case of a grant under regulation 37, a grant for fees, or, in the case of a grant under regulations 38 to 45, a fee loan.

(10) Where one of the events listed in paragraph (11) occurs in the course of an academic year, a student may qualify for a particular grant in accordance with this Part in respect of all or part of that academic year but that student does not qualify for a grant in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.

(11) The events are—

- (a) the student’s course becomes a designated course;
- (b) the student, the student’s spouse, civil partner or parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) is recognised as a refugee or becomes a person with leave to enter or remain;
- (c) the state of which the student is a national accedes to the European Union where the student has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three-year period immediately preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (d) the student acquires the right of permanent residence;
- (e) the student becomes the child of a Turkish worker;
- (f) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 1; or
- (g) the student becomes the child of a Swiss national.

(12) Subject to paragraph (13), an eligible student does not qualify for a grant under this Part if the eligible student is a prisoner.

(13) Paragraph (12) does not apply in respect of a grant for disabled students' living costs.

(14) A student to whom this paragraph applies is treated as being in attendance on the designated course for the purpose of qualifying for the following grants—

- (a) grants for dependants;
- (b) grant for disabled students' living costs;
- (c) maintenance grant or special support grant;
- (d) higher education grant.

(15) Paragraph (14) applies to—

- (a) a compressed degree student;
- (b) a disabled eligible student who—
  - (i) is not a compressed degree student; and
  - (ii) is undertaking a designated course in the United Kingdom but is not in attendance because the eligible student is unable to attend for a reason which relates to the eligible student’s disability; and
- (c) an eligible student on a period of study or a period of work placement in an Erasmus year.

### **Grants for disabled students' living costs**

**26.—**(1) An eligible student qualifies in accordance with this regulation for a grant for disabled students' living costs to assist with the additional expenditure which the Welsh Ministers are satisfied the eligible student is obliged to incur in connection with the eligible student’s attendance on a designated course by reason of a disability to which the student is subject.

(2) Subject to the following paragraphs, the amount of grant for disabled students' living costs under this regulation is the amount that the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate in accordance with the eligible student's circumstances.

(3) Except where paragraph (5) applies, the amount of the grant for disabled students' living costs must not exceed—

- (a) £20,520 in respect of an academic year for expenditure on a non-medical personal helper;
- (b) £5,166 in respect of all the academic years during the period of eligibility for expenditure on major items of specialist equipment;
- (c) the additional expenditure incurred—
  - (i) within the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending the institution;
  - (ii) within or outside the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending, as a part of the eligible student's course, any period of study at an overseas institution or for the purpose of attending the Institute;
- (d) £1,729 in respect of an academic year for any other expenditure including expenditure incurred for the purposes referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) which exceeds the maxima specified in those paragraphs.

(4) Where the eligible student has received payments to assist with expenditure on major items of specialist equipment in connection with the course by virtue of holding a transitional award, the maximum amount of grant under paragraph (3)(b) is reduced by the amount of those payments.

(5) The maximum amount of grant under paragraphs (3)(a) and (3)(d) is £15,390 and £1,296, respectively where—

- (a) an eligible student attends a course for the initial training of teachers which—
  - (i) began before 1 September 2010;
  - (ii) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers beginning before 1 September 2010; or
  - (iii) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student; and
- (b) in any academic year of that course, the periods of full-time study and full-time teaching practice are in aggregate less than 6 weeks.

### **Grants for dependants — general**

**27.**—(1) The grants for dependants consist of the following elements—

- (a) adult dependants' grant;
- (b) childcare grant;
- (c) parents' learning allowance.

(2) The qualifying conditions for each element and the amounts payable are set out in regulations 28 to 31.

(3) A deduction may be made from any element of the grants for dependants in accordance with regulation 64.

### **Grants for dependants — adult dependants' grant**

**28.**—(1) An eligible student qualifies for an adult dependants' grant in connection with the eligible student's attendance on a designated course in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The adult dependants' grant is available in respect of one dependant of an eligible student who is either—

- (a) the eligible student's partner; or
- (b) an adult dependant of the eligible student whose net income does not exceed £3,801.

(3) The amount of adult dependants' grant payable in respect of an academic year is calculated in accordance with regulation 31, the basic amount being—

- (a) £2,647; or
- (b) where the person in respect of whom the eligible student is applying for adult dependants' grant is ordinarily resident outside the United Kingdom, such amount not exceeding £2,647 as the Welsh Ministers consider reasonable in the circumstances.

### **Grants for dependants — childcare grant**

**29.**—(1) An eligible student qualifies, in connection with the eligible student's attendance on a designated course, for a childcare grant in accordance with this regulation.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the childcare grant is available in respect of an academic year in which the eligible student incurs prescribed childcare charges for—

- (a) a dependent child who is under the age of 15 immediately before the beginning of the academic year; or
- (b) a dependent child who has special educational needs within the meaning of section 312 of the Education Act 1996<sup>(44)</sup> and is under the age of 17 immediately before the beginning of the academic year.

(3) An eligible student does not qualify for a grant under this regulation if the eligible student or the eligible student's partner has elected to receive the childcare element of the working tax credit under Part I of the Tax Credits Act 2002<sup>(45)</sup>.

(4) An eligible student does not qualify for a grant under this regulation if the prescribed childcare charges that the eligible student incurs are paid or to be paid by the student to the eligible student's partner.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), the basic amount of childcare grant for each week is—

- (a) for one dependent child, 85 per cent of the prescribed childcare charges, subject to a maximum amount of £161.50 per week; or
- (b) for two or more dependent children, 85 per cent of the prescribed childcare charges, subject to a maximum amount of £ 274.55 per week,

except that the eligible student does not qualify for any such grant in respect of each week falling within the period between the end of the course and the end of the academic year in which the course ends.

(6) For the purposes of calculating the basic amount of childcare grant—

- (a) a week runs from Monday to Sunday; and
- (b) where a week in respect of which prescribed childcare charges are incurred falls partly within and partly outside the academic year in respect of which childcare grant is payable under this regulation, the maximum weekly amount of grant is calculated by multiplying

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<sup>(44)</sup> 1996 c. 56; section 312 was amended by the Education Act 1997 (c. 44), Schedule 7, paragraph 23 and Schedule 8, the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31), section 140, Schedule 30, paragraph 71 and Schedule 31, the Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c. 21), Schedule 9, paragraph 56, the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), Schedule 1, paragraph 3, the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), section 59 and Schedule 2 and S.I. 2010/1158.

<sup>(45)</sup> 2002 c. 21 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

the relevant maximum weekly amount in paragraph (5) by the number of days of that week falling within the academic year and dividing the product by seven.

### **Grants for dependants — parents' learning allowance**

**30.**—(1) An eligible student qualifies in connection with the student's attendance on a designated course for the parents' learning allowance if the student has one or more dependants who are dependent children.

(2) The amount of parents' learning allowance payable in respect of an academic year is calculated in accordance with regulation 31, the basic amount being £1,508.

### **Grants for dependants — calculations**

**31.**—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs, the amount payable in respect of a particular element of the grants for dependants for which the eligible student qualifies under regulations 28 to 30 is the amount of that element remaining after applying, until it is extinguished, an amount equal to **(A – B)** as follows and in the following order—

- (a) to reduce the basic amount of the adult dependants' grant where the eligible student qualifies for that element under regulation 28;
- (b) to reduce the basic amount of the childcare grant for the academic year where the eligible student qualifies for that element under regulation 29; and
- (c) to reduce the basic amount of the parents' learning allowance where the eligible student qualifies for that element under regulation 30.

(2) In this regulation and subject to paragraph (8)—

**A** is the aggregate of the net income of each of the eligible student's dependants; and

**B** is—

- (a) £1,159 where the eligible student has no dependent child;
- (b) £3,473 where the eligible student is not a lone parent and has one dependent child;
- (c) £4,632 where the eligible student—
  - (i) is not a lone parent and has more than one dependent child; or
  - (ii) is a lone parent and has one dependent child;
- (d) £5,797 where the eligible student is a lone parent and has more than one dependent child.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (5), (6) and (13), where **B** is greater than or equal to **A**, the basic amount of each element of the grants for dependants for which the eligible student qualifies is payable.

(4) Where **(A – B)** is equal to or exceeds the aggregate of the basic amounts of the elements of the grants for dependants for which the eligible student qualifies, the amount payable in respect of each element is nil.

(5) The amount of the adult dependants' grant calculated under paragraph (1) in respect of an adult dependant is reduced by one half where—

- (a) the eligible student's partner—
  - (i) is an eligible student; or
  - (ii) holds a statutory award; and
- (b) account is taken of that partner's dependants in calculating the amount of support for which that partner qualifies or the payment to which that partner is entitled under the statutory award.

(6) The amount of the childcare grant calculated under paragraph (1) is reduced by one half where—

- (a) the eligible student's partner—
  - (i) is an eligible student; or
  - (ii) holds a statutory award; and
- (b) account is taken of that partner's dependants in calculating the amount of support for which that partner qualifies or the payment to which that partner is entitled under the statutory award.

(7) Where the amount of the parents' learning allowance calculated under paragraph (1) is £0.01 or more but less than £50, the amount of parents' learning allowance payable is £50.

(8) Paragraphs (9) to (12) apply where, in the course of the academic year, any of the following occurs—

- (a) there is a change in the number of the eligible student's dependants;
- (b) a person becomes or ceases to be a dependant of the eligible student;
- (c) the eligible student becomes or ceases to be a lone parent;
- (d) a student becomes an eligible student as a result of an event referred to in regulation 25(11).

(9) For the purposes of determining the respective values of **A** and **B** and whether adult dependants' grant or parents' learning allowance is payable, the Welsh Ministers must determine the following in relation to each relevant quarter by reference to the eligible student's circumstances in the relevant quarter—

- (a) how many dependants the eligible student is to be treated as having;
- (b) who those dependants are;
- (c) whether the student is to be treated as a lone parent.

(10) The amount of grants for dependants for the academic year is the aggregate of the amounts of adult dependants' grant and parents' learning allowance calculated in respect of each relevant quarter under paragraph (11) and the amount of any childcare grant for the academic year.

(11) The amount of adult dependants' grant and parents' learning allowance in respect of a relevant quarter is one third of what that grant or allowance would be for the academic year if the student's circumstances in the relevant quarter as determined under paragraph (9) applied for the duration of the academic year.

(12) In this regulation, a "relevant quarter" (*chwarter perthnasol*) means—

- (a) in the case of an eligible student referred to in paragraph (8)(d), a quarter which begins after the relevant event occurs other than a quarter during which, in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, the longest of any vacation occurs;
- (b) otherwise, a quarter other than the one quarter during which, in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, the longest of any vacation occurs.

(13) A deduction may be made in accordance with Part 9 from the amount payable in respect of a particular element of the grants for dependants calculated under this Part.

### **Grants for dependants — interpretation**

**32.**—(1) In regulations 28 to 31—

- (a) subject to paragraph (4), "adult dependant" (*dibynnydd mewn oed*) means, in relation to an eligible student, an adult person dependent on the eligible student other than the eligible student's child, the eligible student's partner (including a spouse or civil partner

- from whom the Welsh Ministers consider the eligible student is separated) or the eligible student's former partner;
- (b) “child” (“*plentyn*”) in relation to an eligible student includes any child of the eligible student's partner who is dependent on the eligible student and any child for whom the eligible student has parental responsibility who is dependent on the eligible student;
- (c) “dependant” (“*dibynnydd*”) means, in relation to an eligible student, the eligible student's partner, the eligible student's dependent child or an adult dependant, who in each case is not an eligible student and does not hold a statutory award;
- (d) “dependent” (“*dibynnol*”) means wholly or mainly financially dependent;
- (e) “dependent child” (“*plentyn dibynnol*”) means, in relation to an eligible student, a child dependent on the eligible student;
- (f) “lone parent” (“*rhiant unigol*”) means an eligible student who does not have a partner and who has a dependent child;
- (g) “net income” (“*incwm net*”) has the meaning given in paragraph (6);
- (h) subject to sub-paragraphs (i), (j), (k) and paragraphs (2) and (3), “partner” (“*partner*”) means any of the following—
- (i) the spouse of an eligible student;
  - (ii) the civil partner of an eligible student;
  - (iii) a person ordinarily living with an eligible student as if the person were the eligible student's spouse where an eligible student falls within paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 5 and began the designated course on or after 1 September 2000;
  - (iv) a person ordinarily living with an eligible student as if the person were the eligible student's civil partner where an eligible student falls within paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 5 and began the designated course on or after 1 September 2005;
- (i) unless otherwise indicated, a person who would otherwise be a partner under sub-paragraph (h) is not treated as a partner if—
- (i) in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, that person and the eligible student are separated; or
  - (ii) the person is ordinarily living outside the United Kingdom and is not maintained by the eligible student;
- (j) for the purposes of the definition of “adult dependant” (“*dibynnydd mewn oed*”), a person is to be treated as a partner if the person would be a partner under sub-paragraph (h) but for the fact that the eligible student with whom the person is ordinarily living does not fall within paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 5;
- (k) for the purposes of the definitions of “child” (“*plentyn*”) and “lone parent” (“*rhiant unigol*”), a person is to be treated as a partner if the person would be a partner under sub-paragraph (h) but for the date on which the eligible student began the specified designated course or the fact that the eligible student with whom the person is ordinarily living does not fall within paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 5.
- (2) For the purposes of regulation 29—
- (a) paragraph (1)(i) does not apply; and
  - (b) a person is to be treated as a partner if the person would be a partner under paragraph (1)(h) but for the fact that the eligible student with whom the person is ordinarily living does not fall within paragraph 2(1)(a) of Schedule 5.
- (3) For the purposes of determining whether a person is the former partner of an eligible student's partner, “partner” (“*partner*”) in relation to an eligible student's partner means—



- (a) the spouse of an eligible student's partner;
  - (b) the civil partner of an eligible student's partner;
  - (c) where the eligible student began the specified designated course on or after 1 September 2000, a person ("A") ordinarily living with an eligible student's partner ("B") as if A were B's spouse;
  - (d) where the eligible student began the specified designated course on or after 1 September 2005, a person ("A") ordinarily living with an eligible student's partner ("B") as if A were B's civil partner.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), for the purposes of the definitions of "adult dependant" (*"dibynnydd mewn oed"*) and "dependent child" (*"plentyn dibynnol"*), the Welsh Ministers may treat an adult person or child as dependent on an eligible student if they are satisfied that the adult person or child—
- (a) is not dependent on only—
    - (i) the eligible student; or
    - (ii) the eligible student's partner; but
  - (b) is dependent on the eligible student and the eligible student's partner together.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers must not treat an adult person ("A") as dependent on an eligible student in accordance with paragraph (4), if A is—
- (a) the spouse or civil partner of the eligible student's partner (including a spouse or civil partner from whom the Welsh Ministers consider the eligible student's partner is separated); or
  - (b) the former partner of the eligible student's partner.
- (6) Subject to paragraph (7), a dependant's net income is the dependant's income from all sources for the academic year in question reduced by the amount of income tax and social security contributions payable in respect of it but disregarding—
- (a) any pension, allowance or other benefit paid by reason of a disability or incapacity to which the dependant is subject;
  - (b) child benefit payable under Part IX of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(46);
  - (c) any financial support payable to the dependant by a local authority in accordance with regulations made under sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002(47);
  - (d) any guardian's allowance to which the dependant is entitled under section 77 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;
  - (e) in the case of a dependant with whom a child being looked after by a local authority is boarded out, any payment made to that dependant in pursuance of section 23 of the Children Act 1989(48);
  - (f) any payment made to the dependant under section 23C(5A) of the Children Act 1989(49);
  - (g) any payments made to the dependant under section 15 of and Schedule 1 to the Children Act 1989 in respect of a person who is not the dependant's child or any assistance given by a local authority pursuant to section 24 of that Act(50); and

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(46) 1992 c. 4 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(47) 2002 c. 38.

(48) 1989 c. 41. Section 23 was amended by the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41), Schedule 16, paragraph 12, the Care Standards Act 2000 (c. 14), Schedule 4, paragraph 14, the Children Act 2004 (c. 31), section 49(3) and the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (c. 23), section 39 and Schedule 3, paragraphs 1 and 7.

(49) Subsections (5A) to (5C) of section 23C of the Children Act 1989 were inserted, in relation to England, by section 21 of the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 and S.I. 2009/268 and S.I. 2009/ 2273 refer. Subsections (5A) to (5C) were inserted into section 23C in relation to Wales and S.I. 2010/1329 (W. 112) (C.81) and S.I. 2011/824 (W. 123) (C. 32) refer.

(50) There are amendments to sections 15 and 24 and Schedule 1 which are not relevant to these Regulations.

(h) any child tax credit to which the dependant is entitled under Part I of the Tax Credits Act 2002(51).

(7) Where an eligible student or the eligible student's partner makes any recurrent payments which were previously made by the eligible student in pursuance of an obligation incurred before the first academic year of the eligible student's course, the eligible student's partner's net income is the net income calculated in accordance with paragraph (6) reduced by—

- (a) an amount equal to the payments in question for the academic year, if in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, the obligation had been reasonably incurred; or
- (b) such lesser amount, if any, as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate if, in their opinion, a lesser obligation could reasonably have been incurred.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (6), where the dependant is a dependent child and payments are made to the eligible student towards the dependent child's maintenance, those payments are to be treated as the dependent child's income.

### **Interpretation of regulations 34 to 36**

**33.** For the purposes of regulations 34 to 36—

- (a) any reference to expenditure incurred for the purpose of attending an institution or period of study or period of overseas work placement in an Erasmus year—
  - (i) includes expenditure both before and after so attending; and
  - (ii) does not include any expenditure in respect of which a grant is payable under regulation 26,
- (b) “qualifying quarter” (“*chwarter cymhwysol*”) means a quarter during which the eligible student attends as part of the eligible student's course an overseas institution, the Institute or overseas work placement in an Erasmus year for at least half the period covered by that quarter.

### **Qualifying conditions for the grant for travel**

**34.—**(1) A grant is available to an eligible student attending a course in medicine or dentistry (a necessary part of which is a period of study by way of clinical training) in respect of the reasonable expenditure which the eligible student is obliged to incur in an academic year for the purpose of attending in connection with the eligible student's course any hospital or other premises in the United Kingdom (not comprised in the institution) at which facilities for clinical training are provided other than expenditure incurred for the purpose of residential study away from the institution.

(2) A grant is available to an eligible student in respect of the reasonable expenditure which the eligible student is obliged to incur in each qualifying quarter within or outside the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending as part of the eligible student's course an overseas institution, the Institute or overseas work placement in an Erasmus year.

### **Amount of the grant for travel**

**35.—**(1) The amount of grant payable under regulation 34(1) in respect of an academic year is equal to the reasonable expenditure that the Welsh Ministers determine the eligible student is obliged to incur for the purposes set out in that regulation less £303.

(2) The amount of grant payable under regulation 34(2) in respect of an academic year is calculated as follows—

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(51) 2002 c. 21 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

$$(X - £303) + Y$$

where—

*X* is the aggregate of the reasonable travel costs that the eligible student is obliged to incur in each qualifying quarter for the purposes set out in regulation 34.

*Y* is the aggregate of the expenditure incurred in each qualifying quarter specified in paragraph (3).

(3) The expenditure specified in paragraph (2) is—

- (a) expenditure that the eligible student reasonably incurs in insuring against liability for the cost of medical treatment provided outside the United Kingdom for any illness or personal injury contracted or suffered during the period the eligible student is attending the overseas institution, the Institute or overseas work placement in an Erasmus year (“the placement” in this paragraph);
- (b) the cost of a visa or visas that the eligible student is obliged to obtain in order to attend the overseas institution, the Institute or placement; and
- (c) medical costs that the eligible student reasonably incurs in order to fulfil a mandatory condition of entry into the territory, country or state in which the overseas institution, the Institute or placement is situated.

### **Deductions from the grant for travel**

**36.** A deduction may be made from a grant under regulations 34 and 35 in accordance with Part 9.

### **Higher education grants**

**37.**—(1) An old system eligible student qualifies in accordance with this regulation for a higher education grant in connection with the old system eligible student’s attendance on a designated course to defray the cost of books, equipment, travel or childcare incurred for the purpose of attending that course.

(2) An old system eligible student does not qualify for a higher education grant unless the old system eligible student began the specified designated course on or after 1 September 2004.

(3) The maximum amount of higher education grant available in respect of an academic year is £1,000.

(4) An old system eligible student who qualifies for a higher education grant is entitled to receive an amount as follows—

- (a) in any case where the household income is £16,765 or less, the old system eligible student is entitled to receive the maximum amount of grant available;
- (b) in any case where the household income exceeds £16,765 and does not exceed £22,750, the old system eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - A$ , where  $M$  is £1,000 and  $A$  is £1 for every £6.30 by which the household income exceeds £16,765; and
- (c) in any case where the household income exceeds £22,750, no grant is payable under this regulation.

### **Maintenance grant**

**38.**—(1) A new system eligible student who is not a new cohort student qualifies in accordance with regulation 39 for a maintenance grant for living costs in connection with that eligible student's attendance on a designated course.

(2) A new system eligible student who is a 2010 cohort student or a 2012 cohort student qualifies in accordance with regulation 40 for a maintenance grant for living costs in connection with that eligible student's attendance on a designated course.

(3) A new system eligible student who is a 2011 cohort student qualifies in accordance with regulation 41 for a maintenance grant for living costs in connection with that eligible student's attendance on a designated course.

(4) A new system eligible student does not qualify for a maintenance grant if that eligible student qualifies for a special support grant.

### **Maintenance grant — new system eligible students who are not new cohort students**

**39.**—(1) The maximum amount of maintenance grant available to a new system eligible student who is not a new cohort student in respect of an academic year is—

- (a) in the case of a type 1 teacher training student, £1,453;
- (b) in the case of a type 2 teacher training student, £2,906;
- (c) in the case of a type 3 teacher training student, £1,453; and
- (d) in the case of a new system eligible student other than a type 1, type 2 or type 3 teacher training student, £2,906.

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

- (a) where the household income is £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £1,453;
- (b) where household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £27,852, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - (A/2)$  where  $M$  is £1,453 and  $A$  is £1 for every £5.86 by which the household income exceeds £18,370; and
- (c) where the household income exceeds £27,852, or the eligible student opts when applying for the grant not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income, the eligible student receives £644.

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

- (a) where the household income is £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £2,906;
- (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £27,852, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - A$  where  $M$  is £2,906 and  $A$  is £1 for every £5.86 by which the household income exceeds £18,370; and
- (c) where the household income exceeds £27,852, or the eligible student opts when applying for grant not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income, the eligible student receives £1,288.

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

- (a) where the household income is £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £1,453;
- (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £27,852, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - (A/2)$ , where  $M$  is £1,453 and  $A$  is £1 for every £5.86 by which the household income exceeds £18,370;

- (c) where the household income exceeds £27,852 but does not exceed £39,329 the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $\mathbf{RM} - (\mathbf{A}/2)$ , where  $\mathbf{RM}$  is £644 and  $\mathbf{A}$  is £1 for every £9.27 of income above £27,852;
  - (d) where the household income exceeds £39,329, no maintenance grant is payable.
- (5) A new system eligible student other than a type 1, type 2 or type 3 teacher training student who qualifies for a maintenance grant in respect of an academic year receives an amount as follows in respect of that year—
- (a) where the household income is £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £2,906;
  - (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £27,852, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{A}$  where  $\mathbf{M}$  is £2,906 and  $\mathbf{A}$  is £1 for every £5.86 by which the household income exceeds £18,370;
  - (c) where the household income exceeds £27,852 but does not exceed £39,329, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $\mathbf{RM} - \mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{RM}$  is £1,288 and  $\mathbf{A}$  is £1 for every £9.27 by which the household income exceeds £27,852;
  - (d) where the household income exceeds £39,329, no maintenance grant is payable.

**Maintenance grant — new system eligible students who are 2010 cohort students or 2012 cohort students**

**40.**—(1) The maximum amount of maintenance grant available to a new system eligible student who is a 2010 cohort student or a 2012 cohort student in respect of an academic year is £5,000.

(2) A new system eligible student who is a 2010 cohort student or a 2012 cohort student and who qualifies for a maintenance grant in respect of an academic year receives an amount as follows in respect of that year—

- (a) where the household income is £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £5,000;
- (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £26,500, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}$  is £5,000 and  $\mathbf{A}$  is £1 for every £3.77 by which the household income exceeds £18,370;
- (c) where the household income exceeds £26,500 but does not exceed £34,000, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $\mathbf{RM} - \mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{RM}$  is £2,844 and  $\mathbf{A}$  is £1 for every £4.315 by which the household income exceeds £26,500;
- (d) where the household income exceeds £34,000 but does not exceed £50,020, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $\mathbf{SM} - \mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{SM}$  is £1,106 and  $\mathbf{A}$  is £1 for every £15.17 by which the household income exceeds £34,000;
- (e) where the household income is £50,020, the eligible student receives £50; and
- (f) where the household income exceeds £50,020, no maintenance grant is payable.

**Maintenance grant — new system eligible students who are 2011 cohort students**

**41.**—(1) The maximum amount of maintenance grant available to a new system eligible student who is a 2011 cohort student in respect of an academic year is £5,600.

(2) A new system eligible student who is a 2011 cohort student and who qualifies for a maintenance grant in respect of an academic year receives an amount as follows in respect of that year—

- (a) where the household income is £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £5,600;
- (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £26,500, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{A}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}$  is £5,600 and  $\mathbf{A}$  is £1 for every £3.77 by which the household income exceeds £18,370;

- (c) where the household income exceeds £26,500 but does not exceed £34,000, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $RM - A$ , where  $RM$  is £3,444 and  $A$  is £1 for every £4.315 by which the household income exceeds £26,500;
- (d) where the household income exceeds £34,000 but does not exceed £50,020, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $SM - A$ , where  $SM$  is £1,706 and  $A$  is £1 for every £9.67 by which the household income exceeds £34,000;
- (e) where the household income is £50,020, the eligible student receives £50;
- (f) where the household income exceeds £50,020, no maintenance grant is payable.

### Special support grant

42.—(1) A new system eligible student who is not a new cohort student qualifies in accordance with regulation 43 for a special support grant in connection with that eligible student's attendance on a designated course to defray the cost of books, equipment, travel or childcare incurred for the purpose of attending that course.

(2) A new system eligible student who is a 2010 cohort student or a 2012 cohort student qualifies in accordance with regulation 44 for a special support grant in connection with that eligible student's attendance on a designated course to defray the cost of books, equipment, travel or childcare incurred for the purpose of attending that course.

(3) A new system eligible student who is a 2011 cohort student qualifies in accordance with regulation 45 for a special support grant in connection with that student's attendance on a designated course to defray the cost of books, equipment, travel or childcare incurred for the purpose of attending that course.

(4) A new system eligible student qualifies for a special support grant if that eligible student falls within a prescribed category of person for the purposes of section 124(1)(e) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(52), or if that eligible student is treated as being liable to make payments in respect of a dwelling prescribed by regulations made under section 130(2) of that Act(53)).

### Special support grant — new system eligible students who are not new cohort students

43.—(1) The maximum amount of special support grant available to a new system eligible student who is not a new cohort student in respect of an academic year is—

- (a) in the case of a type 1 teacher training student, £1,453;
- (b) in the case of a type 2 teacher training student, £2,906;
- (c) in the case of a type 3 teacher training student, £1,453; and
- (d) in the case of a new system eligible student other than a type 1, type 2 or type 3 teacher training student, £2,906.

(2) A type 1 teacher training student who qualifies for 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 £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £1,453;

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(52) 1992 c. 4. There are amendments to section 124 which are not relevant to these Regulations. Categories under section 124(1)(e) are prescribed by regulations. The relevant regulation is regulation 4ZA of the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1967). Regulation 4ZA was inserted by S.I. 1996/206, amended by S.I. 1997/2197, S.I. 2000/636, S.I. 2000/1981, S.I. 2001/3070, S.I. 2006/2144, S.I. 2008/1826, S.I. 2009/583, S.I. 2009/2655, and S.I. 2009/3152.

(53) There are amendments to section 130 which are not relevant to these Regulations. The relevant regulation is regulation 56 of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/213 as amended by S.I. 2006/718, S.I. 2008/1042, S.I. 2008/1082, S.I. 2009/583, and S.I. 2010/641).

- (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £27,852, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - (A/2)$  where  $M$  is £1,453 and  $A$  is £1 for every £5.86 by which the household income exceeds £18,370; and
  - (c) where the household income exceeds £27,852, or the student opts when applying for grant not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income, the eligible student receives £644.
- (3) A type 2 teacher training student who qualifies for 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 £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £2,906;
  - (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £27,852, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - A$  where  $M$  is £2,906 and  $A$  is £1 for every £5.86 by which the household income exceeds £18,370; and
  - (c) where the household income exceeds £27,852, or the student opts when applying for the grant not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income the eligible student receives £1,288.
- (4) A type 3 teacher training student who qualifies for 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 £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £1,453;
  - (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £27,852, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - (A/2)$  where  $M$  is £1,453 and  $A$  is £1 for every £5.86 by which the household income exceeds £18,370;
  - (c) where the household income exceeds £27,852 but does not exceed £39,329, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $RM - (A/2)$ , where  $RM$  is £644 and  $A$  is £1 for every £9.27 by which the household income exceeds £27,852; and
  - (d) where the household income exceeds £39,329, no special support grant is payable.
- (5) A new system eligible student other than a type 1, type 2 or type 3 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 £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £2,906;
  - (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £27,852, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - A$  where  $M$  is £2,906 and  $A$  is £1 for every £5.86 by which the household income exceeds £18,370;
  - (c) where the household income exceeds £27,852 but does not exceed £39,329, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $RM - A$ , where  $RM$  is £1,288 and  $A$  is £1 for every £9.27 by which the household income exceeds £27,852;
  - (d) where the household income exceeds £39,329, no special support grant is payable.

**Special support grant — new system eligible students who are 2010 cohort students or 2012 cohort students**

44.—(1) The maximum amount of special support grant available to a new system eligible student who is a 2010 cohort student or a 2012 cohort student in respect of an academic year is £5,000.

(2) A new system eligible student who is a 2010 cohort student or a 2012 cohort 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 £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £5,000;

- (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £26,500, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - A$ , where  $M$  is £5,000 and  $A$  is £1 for every £3.77 by which the household income exceeds £18,370;
- (c) where the household income exceeds £26,500 but does not exceed £34,000, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $RM - A$ , where  $RM$  is £2,844 and  $A$  is £1 for every £4.315 by which the household income exceeds £26,500;
- (d) where the household income exceeds £34,000 but does not exceed £50,020, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $SM - A$ , where  $SM$  is £1,106 and  $A$  is £1 for every £15.17 by which the household income exceeds £34,000;
- (e) where the household income is £50,020, the eligible student receives £50; and
- (f) where the household income exceeds £50,020, no special support grant is payable.

### **Special support grant — new system eligible students who are 2011 cohort students**

**45.**—(1) The maximum amount of special support grant available to a new system eligible student who is a 2011 cohort student in respect of an academic year is £5,600.

(2) A new system eligible student who is a 2011 cohort 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 £18,370 or less, the eligible student receives £5,600;
- (b) where the household income exceeds £18,370 but does not exceed £26,500, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $M - A$ , where  $M$  is £5,600 and  $A$  is £1 for every £3.77 by which the household income exceeds £18,370;
- (c) where the household income exceeds £26,500 but does not exceed £34,000, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $RM - A$ , where  $RM$  is £3,444 and  $A$  is £1 for every £4.315 by which the household income exceeds £26,500;
- (d) where the household income exceeds £34,000 but does not exceed £50,020, the eligible student receives an amount equal to  $SM - A$ , where  $SM$  is £1,706 and  $A$  is £1 for every £9.67 by which the household income exceeds £34,000;
- (e) where the household income is £50,020, the eligible student receives £50; and
- (f) where the household income exceeds £50,020, no special support grant is payable.

## **PART 6**

### **LOANS FOR LIVING COSTS**

#### **Qualifying conditions for loans for living costs**

**46.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (7), an eligible student qualifies for a loan for living costs in connection with the eligible student's attendance on a designated course if the eligible student satisfies the condition in paragraph (2) and is not excluded by paragraph (3) or regulation 7.

(2) The condition is that the eligible student is under the age of 60 on the relevant date.

(3) An eligible student does not qualify for a loan for living costs if the only paragraph in Part 2 of Schedule 1 into which the student falls is paragraph 9.

(4) An eligible student does not qualify for a loan for living costs in connection with the eligible student's attendance on a designated course if that course is a flexible postgraduate ITT course which is of less than one academic year's duration.



(5) An eligible student does not qualify for a loan for living costs in connection with the eligible student's attendance on a designated course if that course—

- (a) begins on or after 1 September 2009; and
- (b) leads to qualification as a landscape architect, landscape designer, landscape manager, town planner or town and country planner.

(6) An old system eligible student who falls within paragraph (a) or (d)(i) of the definition of "old system eligible student" in regulation 2 qualifies for a loan for living costs in connection with the old system eligible student's attendance on a designated course if the old system eligible student satisfies the condition in paragraph (2) and is not excluded by paragraph (3).

(7) An eligible student to whom this regulation applies is treated as being in attendance on the designated course for the purpose of qualifying for the loan for living costs.

(8) Paragraph (7) applies to—

- (a) a compressed degree student;
- (b) a disabled eligible student who—
  - (i) is not a compressed degree student; and
  - (ii) is undertaking a designated course in the United Kingdom but is not in attendance because the eligible student is unable to attend for a reason which relates to the eligible student's disability; and
- (c) an eligible student on a period of study or a period of work placement in an Erasmus year.

(9) An eligible student does not qualify for a loan for living costs under this Part if the eligible student is a prisoner.

## **General**

**47.** The maximum amount of loan for living costs in respect of an academic year is calculated as follows—

- (a) where the eligible student is an old system eligible student with full entitlement, in accordance with regulation 48;
- (b) where the eligible student is a new system eligible student with full entitlement who is not a new cohort student, in accordance with regulations 49 and 50;
- (c) where the eligible student is a new system eligible student with full entitlement who is a 2010 cohort student or a 2012 cohort student, in accordance with regulation 51;
- (d) where the eligible student is a new system eligible student with full entitlement who is a 2011 cohort student, in accordance with regulation 52;
- (e) where the eligible student is a student with reduced entitlement, in accordance with regulation 53.

## **Maximum amount of loans for old system eligible students with full entitlement**

**48.—**(1) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which an old system eligible student with full entitlement qualifies in respect of an academic year other than the final year of a course that is not an intensive course is, for such a student in—

- (a) category 1, £3,673;
- (b) category 2, £6,648;
- (c) category 3, £5,658;
- (d) category 4, £5,658;

(e) category 5, £4,745.

(2) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which an old system eligible student with full entitlement qualifies in respect of an academic year which is the final year of a course that is not an intensive course is, for such a student in—

- (a) category 1, £3,324;
- (b) category 2, £6,053;
- (c) category 3, £4,920;
- (d) category 4, £4,920;
- (e) category 5, £4,396.

**Maximum amount of loans for new system eligible students with full entitlement who are not new cohort students**

**49.**—(1) This regulation applies to a new system eligible student with full entitlement who is not a new cohort student (other than a type 1 or type 2 teacher training student whose contribution exceeds nil).

(2) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student to whom this regulation applies qualifies in respect of an academic year other than a final year of a course that is not an intensive course is equal to  $(X-Y)$  where—

**X** is, for such a student in—

- (i) category 1, £3,673;
- (ii) category 2, £6,648;
- (iii) category 3, £5,658;
- (iv) category 4, £5,658;
- (v) category 5, £4,745;

**Y** is the maintenance grant amount.

(3) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student to whom this regulation applies qualifies in respect of an academic year that is the final year of a course that is not an intensive course is equal to  $(X-Y)$  where—

**X** is, for such a student in—

- (i) category 1, £3,324;
- (ii) category 2, £6,053;
- (iii) category 3, £4,920;
- (iv) category 4, £4,920;
- (v) category 5, £4,396;

**Y** is the maintenance grant amount.

(4) In this regulation, “the maintenance grant amount” (“*swm y grant cynhالياeth*”) is—

- (a) where the new system eligible student referred to in paragraph (1) qualifies under regulation 39 for an amount of maintenance grant not exceeding £1,288, the amount of maintenance grant payable;
- (b) where the new system eligible student referred to in paragraph (1) qualifies under regulation 39 for an amount of maintenance grant exceeding £1,288, £1,288; and
- (c) where no maintenance grant is payable, nil.

**50.**—(1) This regulation applies to a type 1 or type 2 teacher training student whose contribution exceeds nil.

(2) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student to whom this regulation applies qualifies in respect of an academic year other than the final year of a course that is not an accelerated course is, for such student in—

- (a) category 1, £3,673;
- (b) category 2, £6,648;
- (c) category 3, £5,658;
- (d) category 4, £5,658;
- (e) category 5, £4,745.

(3) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student to whom this regulation applies qualifies in respect of an academic year of a course that is the final year of a course that is not an accelerated course is, for such a student in—

- (a) category 1, £3,324;
- (b) category 2, £6,053;
- (c) category 3, £4,920;
- (d) category 4, £4,920;
- (e) category 5, £4,396.

**Maximum amount of loans for new system eligible students with full entitlement who are 2010 cohort students or 2012 cohort students**

**51.**—(1) This regulation applies to a new system eligible student with full entitlement who is a 2010 cohort student or a 2012 cohort student.

(2) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student to whom this regulation applies qualifies in respect of an academic year other than a final year of a course that is not an intensive course is equal to  $(X-Y)$  where—

**X** is, for such a student in—

- (i) category 1, £3,673;
- (ii) category 2, £6,648;
- (iii) category 3, £5,658;
- (iv) category 4, £5,658;
- (v) category 5, £4,745;

**Y** is the maintenance grant amount.

(3) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student to whom this regulation applies qualifies in respect of an academic year that is the final year of a course that is not an intensive course is equal to  $(X-Y)$  where—

**X** is, for such a student in—

- (i) category 1, £3,324;
- (ii) category 2, £6,053;
- (iii) category 3, £4,920;
- (iv) category 4, £4,920;
- (v) category 5, £4,396;

**Y** is the maintenance grant amount.

- (4) In this regulation, “the maintenance grant amount” (“*swm y grant cynhالياeth*”) is—
- (a) where the new system eligible student referred to in paragraph (1) qualifies under regulation 40 for an amount of maintenance grant, the amount that is equal to £0.60 for every £1 of maintenance grant for which that student qualifies, up to a maximum value for **Y** of £2,844;
  - (b) where no maintenance grant is payable under regulation 40, nil.

**Maximum amount of loans for new system eligible students with full entitlement who are 2011 cohort students**

**52.**—(1) This regulation applies to a new system eligible student with full entitlement who is a 2011 cohort student.

(2) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student to whom this regulation applies qualifies in respect of an academic year other than a final year of a course that is not an intensive course is equal to (**X**–**Y**) where—

**X** is, for such a student in—

- (i) category 1, £3,673;
- (ii) category 2, £6,648;
- (iii) category 3, £5,658;
- (iv) category 4, £5,658;
- (v) category 5, £4,745;

**Y** is the maintenance grant amount.

(3) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student to whom this regulation applies qualifies in respect of an academic year that is the final year of a course that is not an intensive course is equal to (**X**–**Y**) where—

**X** is, for such a student in—

- (i) category 1, £3,324;
- (ii) category 2, £6,053;
- (iii) category 3, £4,920;
- (iv) category 4, £4,920;
- (v) category 5, £4,396;

**Y** is the maintenance grant amount.

- (4) In this regulation, “the maintenance grant amount” (“*swm y grant cynhالياeth*”) is—
- (a) where the new system eligible student referred to in paragraph (1) qualifies under regulation 41 for an amount of maintenance grant, the amount this is equal to is £0.60 for every £1 of maintenance grant for which that student qualifies, up to a maximum value for **Y** of £2,844;
  - (b) where no maintenance grant is payable under regulation 41, nil.

**Students with reduced entitlement**

**53.**—(1) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student with reduced entitlement qualifies in respect of an academic year of a course other than the final year of a course that is not an intensive course is—

- (a) where the student falls within regulation 25(3)(a), for such a student in—

- (i) category 1, £1,744;
  - (ii) category 2, £3,268;
  - (iii) category 3, £2,324;
  - (iv) category 4, £2,324;
  - (v) category 5, £2,324.
- (b) where the student falls within regulation 25(3)(b) or 25(5), for such a student in—
- (i) category 1, £1,744;
  - (ii) category 2, £3,268;
  - (iii) category 3, £2,780;
  - (iv) category 4, £2,780;
  - (v) category 5, £2,324.
- (c) where the student applies for a loan for living costs and opts not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income an amount equal to  $(X - Y)$  where—
- X** is, for such a student in—
- (i) category 1, £2,755;
  - (ii) category 2, £4,986;
  - (iii) category 3, £4,244;
  - (iv) category 4, £4,244;
  - (v) category 5, £3,559;
- Y** is the amount specified in paragraph (d).
- (d) the specified amount is—
- (i) £644 where the student is a type 1 teacher training student who opts not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income when applying for a maintenance grant and who qualifies for a maintenance grant of £644;
  - (ii) £1,288 where the student is a type 2 teacher training student who opts not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income when applying for a maintenance grant and who qualifies for a maintenance grant of £1,288;
  - (iii) nil where the student is not a type 1 or type 2 teacher training student.
- (2) Subject to regulations 54 to 59, the maximum amount of loan for living costs for which a student with reduced entitlement qualifies in respect of an academic year that is the final year of a course that is not an intensive course is—
- (a) where the student falls within regulation 25(3)(a), for such a student in—
- (i) category 1, £1,324;
  - (ii) category 2, £2,498;
  - (iii) category 3, £1,811;
  - (iv) category 4, £1,811;
  - (v) category 5, £1,811.
- (b) where the student falls within regulation 25(3)(b) or 25(5), for such a student in—
- (i) category 1, £1,324;
  - (ii) category 2, £2,498;
  - (iii) category 3, £2,031;

- (iv) category 4, £2,031;
  - (v) category 5, £1,811.
- (c) where the student applies for a loan for living costs and opts not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income an amount equal to  $(X - Y)$  where—
- X** is, for such a student in—
- (i) category 1, £2,493;
  - (ii) category 2, £4,540;
  - (iii) category 3, £3,690;
  - (iv) category 4, £3,690;
  - (v) category 5, £3,297;
- Y** is the amount specified in paragraph (d).
- (d) the specified amount is—
- (i) £644 where the student is a type 1 teacher training student who opts not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income when applying for a maintenance grant and who qualifies for a maintenance grant of £644;
  - (ii) £1,288 where the student is a type 2 teacher training student who opts not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income when applying for a maintenance grant and who qualifies for a maintenance grant of £1,288;
  - (iii) nil where the student is not a type 1 or type 2 teacher training student.

### **Students residing with parents**

**54.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), where an eligible student (“A” in this regulation) resides at A’s parents’ home and the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that in all the circumstances A’s parents by reason of age, incapacity or otherwise cannot reasonably be expected to support A and that it would be appropriate for the amount of loan payable to a student in a category other than category 1 to apply in A’s case, A must be treated as if A were not residing at A’s parents’ home.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to an eligible student who begins a course on or after 1 September 2004.

### **Loans for living costs payable in respect of three quarters of the academic year**

**55.**—(1) Subject to regulation 57, the loan for living costs is payable in respect of three quarters of the academic year.

(2) The loan for living costs is not payable—

- (a) in the case of a compressed degree student, in respect of the quarter nominated by the Welsh Ministers;
- (b) in any other case, in respect of the quarter in which, in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, the longest of any vacation occurs.

### **Students falling into more than one category**

**56.** Where an eligible student falls into more than one of the categories in regulation 60 in the course of the academic year—

- (a) the maximum amount of loan for living costs for the academic year is the aggregate of the maximum amount of loan for living costs for each quarter in respect of which the loan is payable;

- (b) the maximum amount of loan for living costs for each such quarter is one third of the maximum amount of loan for living costs which would apply for the academic year if the eligible student fell into the category which applies to the relevant quarter for the duration of the academic year; and
- (c) the category which applies to a quarter is—
  - (i) the category into which the eligible student falls for the longer or longest period in that quarter; or
  - (ii) if the eligible student falls into more than one category for an equal period in that quarter, the category with the higher or highest rate of loan for living costs for the academic year.

### **Students becoming eligible during the course of an academic year**

**57.**—(1) Where a student becomes an eligible student during the course of an academic year as a result of one of the events listed in paragraph (2), the student may qualify for a loan for living costs in respect of such quarters of that academic year in respect of which a loan for living costs is payable as begin after the relevant event in paragraph (2) occurs.

(2) The events are—

- (a) the student's course becomes a designated course;
- (b) the student, the student's spouse, civil partner or parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) is recognised as a refugee or becomes a person with leave to enter or remain;
- (c) the state of which the student is a national accedes to the European Union where the student has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three-year period immediately preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (d) the student acquires the right of permanent residence;
- (e) the student becomes the child of a Turkish worker;
- (f) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 1; or
- (g) the student becomes the child of a Swiss national.

(3) An eligible student to whom paragraph (1) applies does not qualify for a loan for living costs in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.

(4) The maximum amount of loan for living costs payable is the aggregate of the maximum amount of loan for each quarter in respect of which the student qualifies for support under this regulation.

(5) The maximum amount of loan for living costs for each such quarter is one third of the maximum amount of loan for living costs which would apply for the academic year if the student fell into the category which applies to the relevant quarter for the duration of the academic year.

### **Increases in maximum amount**

**58.**—(1) Where an eligible student is required to attend the eligible student's course for a period exceeding 30 weeks and 3 days in an academic year, the maximum amount of loan for living costs specified in regulations 48 to 51 must be increased for each week or part week of attendance in that academic year beyond 30 weeks and 3 days by, for such a student in—

- (a) category 1, £55;
- (b) category 2, £106;
- (c) category 3, £115;

- (d) category 4, £115;
- (e) category 5, £83.

(2) Where an eligible student attends the eligible student's course for a period of not less than 45 weeks in any continuous period of 52 weeks the amount of loan for living costs specified in regulations 48 to 51 is increased for each week in the 52 week period during which the eligible student did not attend by the amounts referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) This regulation does not apply in the case of a student with reduced entitlement.

### **Deductions from loans for living costs**

**59.**—(1) A deduction from the amount of loan for living costs calculated under this Part in respect of an old system eligible student with full entitlement or a new system eligible student with full entitlement may be made in accordance with regulation 64.

(2) A deduction from the amount of loan for living costs calculated under this Part in respect of a student with reduced entitlement may not be made under regulation 64.

### **Interpretation of Part 6**

**60.** In this Part—

- (a) a student is in category 1 if—
  - (i) subject to regulation 54, the student resides at the student's parents' home while attending the course; or
  - (ii) the student began the present course before 1 September 2009 and is a member of a religious order who resides in a house of that order;
- (b) a student is in category 2 if the student is not in category 1 and the student attends one or more of the following—
  - (i) a course at the University of London;
  - (ii) a course at an institution which requires attendance for at least half the time in aggregate of any quarter of the course in the academic year at a site wholly or partly within the area comprising the City of London and the former Metropolitan Police District; or
  - (iii) a sandwich course at an institution which requires the student to undertake work experience or a combination of work experience and study provided that the student undertakes such work experience or combination of work experience and study for at least half the time in aggregate of any quarter of the course in the academic year at a site or sites wholly or partly within the area comprising the City of London and the former Metropolitan Police District;
- (c) a student is in category 3 if the student is not in category 1 and the student attends an overseas institution as part of the student's course or attends an overseas work placement in an Erasmus year;
- (d) a student is in category 4 if the student is not in category 1 and attends the Institute;
- (e) a student is in category 5 if the student is not in categories 1 to 4;
- (f) a “new system eligible student with full entitlement” (“*myfyriwr cymwys o dan y drefn newydd sydd â hawlogaeth lawn*”) is a new system eligible student other than a student with reduced entitlement;
- (g) an “old system eligible student with full entitlement” (“*myfyriwr cymwys o dan yr hen drefn sydd â hawlogaeth lawn*”) is an old system eligible student other than a student with reduced entitlement;



- (h) “parent” (“*rhiant*”), except where otherwise indicated, is to be construed in accordance with paragraph 1(1)(f) of Schedule 5;
- (i) the “relevant date” (“*dyddiad perthnasol*”) means the first day of the first academic year of the specified designated course;
- (j) a “student with reduced entitlement” (“*myfyriwr sydd â hawlogaeth ostyngol*”) is an eligible student who—
  - (i) is not eligible for a grant for living costs in respect of the academic year by virtue of regulation 25(3)(a) or (b) or regulation 25(5); or
  - (ii) opts when applying for a loan for living costs not to provide the information needed to calculate the household income;
- (k) where the duration of a graduate-entry or postgraduate-level course for the initial training of teachers is only one academic year, that year is not to be treated as the final year.

## PART 7

### GENERAL LOAN PROVISIONS

#### Additional amount of loans

61.—(1) An eligible student may apply to borrow an additional amount of loan for living costs where—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers determine that the maximum amount of loan for living costs which has been notified to the eligible student in relation to an academic year should be increased (including an increase from nil) as a result of a reassessment of the eligible student’s contribution or otherwise; and
- (b) the Welsh Ministers consider that the increase in the maximum amount does not result from the eligible student—
  - (i) failing to provide information promptly which might affect the eligible student’s ability to qualify for a loan or the amount of loan for which the eligible student qualifies; or
  - (ii) providing information which is inaccurate in any material particular.

(2) The additional amount under paragraph (1) is an amount which when added to the amount already applied for does not exceed the increased maximum.

(3) Where an eligible student has applied for a loan of less than the maximum amount to which the eligible student is entitled in relation to the academic year, the eligible student may apply to borrow an additional amount which, when added to the amount already applied for, does not exceed the relevant maximum applicable in the eligible student’s case.

## PART 8

### COLLEGE FEE LOANS

#### College fee loans

62. A college fee loan is available to an eligible student in accordance with Schedule 4.

## PART 9

### FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT

#### Calculation of contribution

**63.**—(1) An eligible student's contribution in respect of an academic year is the amount, if any, calculated under Schedule 5.

(2) The Welsh Ministers may require an eligible student to provide from time to time such information as they consider necessary as to the income of any person whose means are relevant to the assessment of the eligible student's contribution.

#### Application of contribution

**64.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (7), an amount equal to the contribution or the remainder of the contribution, as the case may be, calculated under Schedule 5, is to be applied until it is extinguished against the amount of the particular grants and loans for which the eligible student qualifies as follows—

- (a) first, to reduce **GFF**;
- (b) second, to reduce **ADG**;
- (c) third, to reduce **CCG**;
- (d) fourth, to reduce **PLA**;
- (e) fifth, to reduce **LLC** to no less than the minimum level for the academic year;
- (f) sixth, to reduce **GFT**.

(2) In the case of an old system eligible student, subject to paragraph (4), where the basic amount of the grant for fees has been calculated in accordance with regulation 17(1) or 17(7), to determine the actual amount of grant for fees that is payable, the Welsh Ministers must apply the contribution in accordance with paragraph (1).

(3) In the case of an old system eligible student where the basic amount of the grant for fees has been calculated in accordance with regulation 17(2) or 17(8) and one of the cases set out in regulation 17(4)(b) or (d) applies, to determine the actual amount of grant for fees payable the Welsh Ministers must—

- (a) first, apply the contribution to reduce the basic amount of the grant for fees;
- (b) second, if the contribution is not extinguished, deduct an amount equal to the basic amount of the grant for fees from what is left of the contribution reducing the remainder of the contribution to no less than nil; and
- (c) third, if the contribution is still not extinguished, apply the remainder first to reduce **ADG** and paragraph (1) is modified accordingly.

(4) Where the course is a course for the initial training of teachers (other than a course for a first degree), there is no contribution applied against the basic amount of the grant for fees and the contribution is first applied to reduce **ADG** and paragraph (1) is modified accordingly.

(5) In the case of an Erasmus year, the Welsh Ministers must apply the amount by which the contribution exceeds £1,380 first to reduce **ADG** and paragraph (1) is modified accordingly.

(6) Where the student does not qualify for a grant for fees for any other reason, **GFF** is nil and the contribution is applied first to reduce **ADG** and paragraph (1) is modified accordingly.

(7) In the case of a new system eligible student, **GFF** is to be treated as nil and the contribution is applied first to reduce **ADG** and paragraph (1) is modified accordingly.

(8) In this regulation—

- (a) **ADG** is the amount, if any, of the adult dependants' grant calculated in accordance with regulation 31;
- (b) **CCG** is the amount, if any, of the childcare grant calculated in accordance with regulation 31;
- (c) **GFF** is the amount, if any, of grant for fees for which the eligible student qualifies under Part 4;
- (d) **GFT** is the amount of the grant for travel for which the eligible student qualifies under regulation 34, if any;
- (e) **LLC** is the amount of loan for living costs, if any, for which the eligible student (other than a student with reduced entitlement) qualifies under Part 6 to no less than the minimum level for the academic year specified in paragraph (9);
- (f) **PLA** is the amount, if any, of the parents' learning allowance calculated under regulation 31 (except the first £50 of the allowance).

(9) Subject to paragraphs (10) and (11), the “minimum level for the academic year” (“*lefel isaf am y flwyddyn academaidd*”) in regulation 64(1)(e) is, in the case of a student in—

- (a) category 1, £2,755;
- (b) category 2, £4,986;
- (c) category 3, £4,244;
- (d) category 4, £4,244;
- (e) category 5, £3,559.

(10) Subject to paragraph (11), where the academic year in question is the final year of a course other than an intensive course, the “minimum level for the academic year” (“*lefel isaf am y flwyddyn academaidd*”) is, in the case of a student in—

- (a) category 1, £2,493;
- (b) category 2, £4,540;
- (c) category 3, £3,690;
- (d) category 4, £3,690;
- (e) category 5, £3,297.

(11) Where different categories apply to an eligible student for different quarters of the academic year, the minimum levels in paragraphs (9) and (10) are the aggregate of the amounts determined under paragraph (11) for each of the three quarters in respect of which a loan is payable.

(12) The amount determined for each quarter is one third of the amount in paragraph (9) or (10) which corresponds to the rate applicable for the quarter.

(13) This paragraph applies to type 1 and type 2 teacher training students who qualify for a maintenance grant and whose contribution exceeds nil.

(14) The loan for living costs payable in respect of an academic year to a student to whom paragraph (13) applies is calculated as follows—

**A - B**

where—

*A* is the amount of loan for living costs left after applying the contribution in accordance with this Part; and

*B* is the amount of maintenance grant payable to the eligible student.

(15) Categories 1 to 5 have the meaning given in regulation 60.

## **PART 10**

### **PAYMENTS**

#### **Payment of grants or loans for fees**

**65.**—(1) The Welsh Ministers must not pay the grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan or fee loan for which an eligible student qualifies unless they have received a request for payment from the relevant academic authority and in the case of a fee contribution loan or fee loan, the Welsh Ministers must not pay the loan before a period of three months beginning with the first day of the academic year has expired.

(2) The Welsh Ministers must pay the fee contribution loan or fee loan for which an eligible student qualifies to an academic authority to which the eligible student is liable to make payment.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), the Welsh Ministers must pay the grant for fees, fee grant or new fee grant to the academic authority—

- (a) not before the expiry of a period of three months beginning with the first day of the academic year; and
- (b) not later than 10 weeks after the expiry of the period in sub—paragraph (a), or promptly after a request for payment has been received which the Welsh Ministers consider to be a valid request, if that is later.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may make a provisional assessment and payment of new fee grant—

- (a) before the period of three months referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) has expired;
- (b) in such instalments (if any) and at such times as they consider appropriate.

(5) Where assessment of the eligible student's contribution or other matters has delayed the final calculation of the amount of grant for which the eligible student qualifies, the Welsh Ministers may make a provisional assessment and payment.

(6) Subject to paragraph (1), the Welsh Ministers may pay the fee contribution loan or fee loan in such instalments (if any) and at such times as they consider appropriate.

(7) Where assessment of an old system eligible student's contribution or other matters have delayed the final calculation of the amount of fee contribution loan for which the old system eligible student qualifies under regulation 22, the Welsh Ministers may make a provisional assessment and payment.

(8) No payment of the grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan or fee loan may be made in respect of a designated course if—

- (a) before the expiry of a period of three months beginning with the first day of the academic year the eligible student ceases to attend or, in the case of a student who is treated as in attendance under regulation 13(3) and 13(4), undertake the course; and
- (b) the academic authority has determined or agreed that the student will not commence attending or as the case may be, undertaking in the United Kingdom, the course again during the academic year in respect of which the fees are payable or at all.

### **Payment of grants for living costs**

66.—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs, the Welsh Ministers may pay support under Part 5 in such instalments (if any) and at such times as they consider appropriate.

(2) An academic authority is required to send an attendance confirmation to the Welsh Ministers.

(3) The Welsh Ministers must not pay the first instalment or, where it has been determined not to pay support under Part 5 by instalments, make any payment of support under that Part to an eligible student before they have received an attendance confirmation unless an exception referred to in paragraph (4) applies.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), an exception applies if—

- (a) a grant for disabled students' living costs is payable in which case that particular grant may be paid before the Welsh Ministers have received an attendance confirmation; or
- (b) the Welsh Ministers have determined that owing to exceptional circumstances it would be appropriate to make a payment without receiving an attendance confirmation.

(5) Where a final assessment cannot be made on the basis of the information provided by the eligible student, the Welsh Ministers may make a provisional assessment and payment of support under Part 5.

(6) Payments of support under Part 5 are to be made in such manner as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate and they may make it a condition of entitlement to payment that the eligible student must provide them with particulars of a bank or building society account in the United Kingdom into which payments may be made by electronic transfer.

(7) Subject to paragraph (8), no support under Part 5 is payable in respect of any day of an academic year on which the eligible student is a prisoner, unless in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers it would be appropriate in all the circumstances for support to be paid in respect of that day.

(8) Paragraph (7) does not apply in respect of grants for disabled students' living costs.

(9) In deciding whether support is payable under paragraph (7) the circumstances to which the Welsh Ministers must have regard include the financial hardship not paying the support would cause and whether not paying the support would affect the eligible student's ability to continue the course.

(10) No support under Part 5 is payable in respect of any payment period beginning after an eligible student's period of eligibility terminates.

(11) Where an eligible student's period of eligibility terminates on or after the relevant date, the Welsh Ministers must determine—

- (a) the amount of each grant for living costs for which that student qualifies that would be payable in respect of the relevant payment period if that student's period of eligibility had not terminated (the "full amount"); and
- (b) how much of the full amount is payable in respect of the period which runs from the first day of the relevant payment period up to and including the day on which the eligible student's period of eligibility terminated (the "partial amount").

(12) In this regulation, the "relevant date" ("*y dyddiad perthnasol*") is the date on which the first term of the academic year in question actually begins.

(13) If the Welsh Ministers have made a payment of grant for living costs in respect of the relevant payment period before the point in that period at which the eligible student's period of eligibility terminated and that payment exceeds the partial amount of that grant—

- (a) they may treat the excess as an overpayment of that grant; or
- (b) if they consider that it is appropriate to do so they may extend that student's period of eligibility in respect of that grant until the end of the relevant payment period and determine that the full amount of the grant is payable in respect of that payment period.

(14) Subject to paragraph (15), if a payment of a grant for living costs in respect of the relevant payment period is due to be made or is made after the eligible student's period of eligibility has terminated, the amount of that grant payable is the partial amount unless the Welsh Ministers consider it appropriate to extend the period of eligibility in respect of that grant until the end of the relevant payment period and to determine that the full amount of that grant is payable in respect of that payment period.

(15) Paragraph (14) does not apply to a payment of grant for disabled students' living costs in respect of specialist equipment.

(16) No support under Part 5 is payable in respect of a payment period during any part of which an eligible student is absent from the eligible student's course, unless in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers it would be appropriate in all the circumstances for support to be paid in respect of the period of absence.

(17) In deciding whether it would be appropriate for support to be payable under paragraph (16) the circumstances to which the Welsh Ministers must have regard include the reason for the student's absence, the length of the absence and the financial hardship which not paying the support would cause.

(18) An eligible student is not to be considered absent from the eligible student's course if the eligible student is unable to attend due to illness and the eligible student's absence has not exceeded 60 days.

(19) Where, after the Welsh Ministers have made any payment of support under Part 5 or Part 6, they make a determination of the amount of a grant for living costs for which the eligible student qualifies either for the first time or by way of revision of a provisional or other determination of that amount—

- (a) if the determination increases the amount of that grant for which the eligible student qualifies they must pay the additional amount and may do so in such instalments (if any) and at such times as they consider appropriate;
- (b) if the determination decreases the amount of that grant for which the eligible student qualifies they must subtract the amount of the decrease from the amount of that grant which remains to be paid;
- (c) if the amount of the decrease is greater than the amount of that grant remaining to be paid the latter amount is reduced to nil and the balance subtracted from any other grant for living costs for which the student qualifies in respect of the academic year;
- (d) any remaining overpayment is recoverable in accordance with regulation 70.

### **Provision of United Kingdom national insurance number**

**67.**—(1) The Welsh Ministers may make it a condition of entitlement to payment of any loan that an eligible student must provide them with the eligible student's United Kingdom national insurance number.

(2) Where the Welsh Ministers have imposed a condition under paragraph (1), they must not make any payment of the loan to the eligible student before they are satisfied that the eligible student has complied with that condition.

(3) Despite paragraph (2), the Welsh Ministers may make a payment of loan to an eligible student if they are satisfied that owing to exceptional circumstances it would be appropriate to make such a payment without the eligible student having complied with the condition imposed under paragraph (1).

### **Information requirements**

**68.**—(1) The Welsh Ministers may at any time request from an applicant or an eligible student information that they consider is required to recover a loan.

(2) The Welsh Ministers may at any time request from an applicant or an eligible student sight of their valid national identity card, valid passport issued by the state of which they are a national or their birth certificate.

(3) Where the Welsh Ministers have requested information under this regulation, they may withhold any payment of a loan until the applicant or eligible student provides what has been requested or provides a satisfactory explanation for not complying with the request.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may at any time require an applicant or an eligible student to enter into an agreement to repay a loan by a particular method.

(5) Where the Welsh Ministers have requested an agreement as to the method of repayment under this regulation, the Welsh Ministers may withhold any payment of a loan until the applicant or eligible student provides what has been requested.

### **Payment of loans for living costs**

**69.**—(1) The Welsh Ministers may pay support under Part 6 in instalments or in a single lump sum.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the Welsh Ministers may pay support under Part 6 at such times as they consider appropriate.

(3) An academic authority is required to send an attendance confirmation to the Welsh Ministers.

(4) The Welsh Ministers must not pay the first instalment, or where they have determined not to pay support under Part 6 by instalments, make any payment of support under Part 6 to the eligible student before they have received an attendance confirmation from the relevant academic authority unless the exception referred to in paragraph (5) applies.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4) the exception applies if the Welsh Ministers have determined that owing to exceptional circumstances it would be appropriate to make a payment without receiving an attendance confirmation.

(6) Where a final assessment cannot be made on the basis of the information provided by the eligible student, the Welsh Ministers may make a provisional assessment and payment of support under Part 6.

(7) Payments of support under Part 6 are to be made in such manner as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate and they may make it a condition of entitlement to payment that the eligible student must provide them with particulars of a bank or building society account in the United Kingdom into which payments may be made by electronic transfer.

(8) Where the Welsh Ministers have made any payment of support under Part 5 or Part 6 and an eligible student who qualifies for a loan for living costs under Part 6 applies for such a loan or applies for an additional amount of loan for living costs in respect of an academic year, the Welsh Ministers may pay that loan or that additional amount of loan in such instalments (if any) and at such times as they consider appropriate as soon as is reasonably practicable after a satisfactory application has been received.

(9) Subject to paragraph (10), no support under Part 6 is payable in respect of any day of an academic year on which the eligible student is a prisoner, unless in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers it would be appropriate in all the circumstances for support to be paid in respect of that day.

(10) In deciding whether support is payable under paragraph (9) the circumstances to which the Welsh Ministers must have regard include the financial hardship which not paying the support would

cause and whether not paying the support would affect the eligible student's ability to continue the course.

(11) No support under Part 6 is payable in respect of any payment period beginning after an eligible student's period of eligibility terminates.

(12) No support under Part 6 is payable in respect of a payment period during part of which an eligible student is absent from the eligible student's course, unless in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers it would be appropriate in all the circumstances for support to be paid in respect of the period of absence.

(13) In deciding whether support is payable under paragraph (12) the circumstances to which the Welsh Ministers must have regard include the reasons for the eligible student's absence, the length of absence and the financial hardship which not paying the eligible student would cause.

(14) An eligible student is not to be considered absent from the eligible student's course if the eligible student is unable to attend due to illness and the eligible student's absence has not exceeded 60 days.

(15) Where, after the Welsh Ministers have made any payment of loan for living costs for which an eligible student qualifies in respect of an academic year under Part 6, they make a determination that the amount of loan for living costs for which the eligible student qualifies is less than the amount previously determined either by way of a revision of a provisional assessment or otherwise—

- (a) they must subtract such amount as is necessary to ensure that the eligible student does not borrow an amount of loan for living costs which is greater than that for which the eligible student qualifies from any amount of loan for living costs which remains to be paid;
- (b) if the amount to be subtracted is greater than the amount of loan for living costs remaining to be paid, the latter is reduced to nil;
- (c) any remaining overpayment is recoverable in accordance with regulation 70.

## **Overpayments**

**70.**—(1) Any overpayment of a grant for fees, fee grant, new fee grant, fee contribution loan or fee loan is recoverable by the Welsh Ministers from the academic authority.

(2) An eligible student must, if so required by the Welsh Ministers, repay any amount paid to the eligible student under Part 5 or 6 which for whatever reason exceeds the amount of support to which the student is entitled under Part 5 or 6.

(3) The Welsh Ministers must recover an overpayment of any grant for living costs unless they consider it is not appropriate to do so.

(4) A payment of any grant for living costs made before the relevant date is an overpayment if the eligible student withdraws from the course before the relevant date unless the Welsh Ministers decide otherwise.

(5) In the circumstances in paragraph (6) or (7), there is an overpayment of the grant for disabled students' living costs unless the Welsh Ministers decide otherwise.

(6) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (5) are—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers apply all or part of the grant for disabled students' living costs to the purchase of specialist equipment on behalf of the eligible student;
- (b) the eligible student's period of eligibility terminates after the relevant date; and
- (c) the equipment has not been delivered to the student before the student's period of eligibility terminates.

(7) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (5) are—

- (a) the eligible student's period of eligibility terminates after the relevant date; and



- (b) a payment of the grant for disabled students' living costs in respect of specialist equipment is made to the student after the eligible student's period of eligibility terminated.
- (8) Where there is an overpayment of the grant for disabled students' living costs, the Welsh Ministers may accept the return of specialist equipment purchased with the grant by way of recovery of all or part of the overpayment if they consider it is appropriate to do so.
- (9) Any overpayment of any grant under Part 5 may be recovered in whichever one or more of the following ways the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate in all the circumstances—
- (a) by subtracting the overpayment from any kind of grant payable to the eligible student from time to time pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (b) by taking such other action for the recovery of an overpayment as is available to them.
- (10) Any overpayment of a loan for living costs in respect of any academic year may be recovered if in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers—
- (a) the overpayment is a result of a failure of the student to provide promptly information which might affect whether the student qualifies for a loan or the amount of loan for which the student qualifies;
  - (b) any information which the student has provided is inaccurate in a material particular; or
  - (c) the student has failed to provide information which the Welsh Ministers consider to be material in the context of the recovery of the loan.
- (11) Where an overpayment of a loan for living costs is recoverable in accordance with paragraph (10), it may be recovered in whichever one or more of the following ways the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate in all the circumstances—
- (a) by subtracting the overpayment from the amount of any loan payable to the student from time to time pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (b) by taking such other action for the recovery of an overpayment as is available to them.
- (12) Where there has been an overpayment of a loan for living costs which is not recoverable under paragraph (10), the Welsh Ministers may subtract the overpayment from the amount of any loan payable to the student from time to time pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act.
- (13) In this regulation “the relevant date” (“*y dyddiad perthnasol*”) is the date on which the first term of the academic year in question actually begins.

## **Payments — interpretation**

### **71. In this Part—**

- (a) “attendance confirmation” (“*cadarnhad o bresenoldeb*”) means confirmation in writing from the academic authority—
  - (i) that the eligible student has enrolled for the academic year where the eligible student—
    - (aa) is applying for support under these Regulations in connection with a designated course for the first time;
    - (bb) has a disability; and
    - (cc) is undertaking the course but not attending (regardless of whether the reason for not attending relates to the eligible student's disability);
  - (ii) that the eligible student has been present at the institution and begun to attend the course where—

- (aa) the student is applying for support under these Regulations in connection with a designated course for the first time;
- (bb) the student's status as an eligible student has not been transferred to the course from another designated course at the same institution; and
- (cc) sub-paragraph (i)(cc) does not apply;
- (iii) from the academic authority that the eligible student has enrolled for the academic year where the eligible student is applying for support in connection with a designated course—
  - (aa) other than for the first time; or
  - (bb) for the first time after the student's status as an eligible student has been transferred to that course from another course at the same institution;
- (b) "payment period" ("cyfnod talu") means a period in respect of which the Welsh Ministers pay the relevant support under Part 5 or Part 6 or would have paid such support if the eligible student's period of eligibility had not terminated.

## PART 11

### SUPPORT FOR FULL-TIME DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

#### Eligible distance learning students

**72.**—(1) An eligible distance learning student qualifies for support in connection with the eligible distance learning student undertaking a designated distance learning course subject to and in accordance with this Part.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (8), a person is an eligible distance learning student in connection with a designated distance learning course if in assessing the person's application for support under regulation 80 the Welsh Ministers determine that the person falls within one of the categories set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1.

(3) Subject to paragraph (8), a person ("A" in this paragraph) is not an eligible distance learning student if—

- (a) subject to paragraph (4), there has been bestowed on A or paid to A in connection with the distance learning course—
  - (i) a healthcare bursary whether or not the amount of such bursary is calculated by reference to A's income;
  - (ii) any allowance under the Nursing and Midwifery Student Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 2007<sup>(54)</sup>; or
  - (iii) a Scottish healthcare allowance whether or not the amount of such allowance is calculated by reference to A's income;
- (b) A is in breach of any obligation to repay any loan;
- (c) A has reached the age of 18 and has not ratified any agreement for a loan made with A when A was under the age of 18;
- (d) A has, in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, shown by A's conduct that A is unfitted to receive support under this Part; or
- (e) subject to paragraph (5), A is a prisoner.

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<sup>(54)</sup> S.S.I. 2007/151, amended by S.S.I. 2007/503, S.S.I. 2008/206, S.S.I. 2009/188 and S.S.I. 2009/309.

(4) Paragraph (3)(a) does not apply if—

- (a) the person applying for support under this Part is a disabled student; and
- (b) there has been bestowed on or paid to the person in connection with the distance learning course—
  - (i) a healthcare bursary the amount of which is calculated by reference to the person's income; or
  - (ii) a Scottish Healthcare Allowance whether or not the amount of such allowance is calculated by reference to the person's income.

(5) Paragraph (3)(e) does not apply in respect of an academic year during which the eligible distance learning student enters prison to serve a custodial sentence or is released from prison having served such a sentence.

(6) For the purposes of paragraphs (3)(b) and (3)(c), “loan” (“*benthyciad*”) means a loan made under the student loans legislation.

(7) In a case where the agreement for a loan is subject to the law of Scotland, paragraph (3)(c) only applies if the agreement was made—

- (a) before 25 September 1991; and
- (b) with the concurrence of the borrower's curator or at a time when the borrower had no curator.

(8) Subject to paragraphs (10) to (12), a person is an eligible distance learning student for the purposes of this Part if the person satisfies the conditions in paragraph (9)(a) or (b).

(9) The conditions referred to in paragraph (8) are—

- (a) the—
  - (i) person qualified as an eligible distance learning student in connection with an earlier academic year of the present distance learning course pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (ii) person was ordinarily resident in Wales on the first day of the present distance learning course; and
  - (iii) person's status as an eligible distance learning student has not terminated;
- (b) the—
  - (i) Welsh Ministers have previously determined that the person is an eligible—
    - (aa) student in connection with a designated course;
    - (bb) distance learning student in connection with a designated distance learning course other than the present distance learning course; or
    - (cc) part-time student in connection with a designated part-time course;
  - (ii) person's status as an eligible student, eligible distance learning student or as an eligible part-time student in connection with the course referred to in sub-paragraph (b)(i) has been converted or transferred from that course to the present distance learning course as a result of one or more conversions or transfers in accordance with regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (iii) person was ordinarily resident in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of the course referred to in sub-paragraph (b)(i); and
  - (iv) person's status as an eligible distance learning student has not terminated.

(10) Where—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers determined that, by virtue of being a refugee or the spouse, civil partner, child or step-child of a refugee, a person (“A” in this paragraph) was an eligible distance learning student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the present distance learning course or an application for support in connection with a designated course, designated part-time course or other designated distance learning course from which A’s status as an eligible student, eligible part-time student or eligible distance learning student has been transferred to the present distance learning course; and
- (b) as at the day before the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support begins, the refugee status of A or of A’s spouse, civil partner, parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) or step-parent, as the case may be, has expired and no further leave to remain has been granted and no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002<sup>(55)</sup>),

A’s status as an eligible distance learning student terminates immediately before the first day of the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support.

(11) Where—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers determined that, by virtue of being a person with leave to enter or remain or the spouse, civil partner, child or step-child of such a person, a person (“A” in this paragraph) was an eligible distance learning student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the present distance learning course or an application for support in connection with a designated course, designated part-time course or other designated distance learning course from which A’s status as an eligible student, eligible part-time student or eligible distance learning student has been transferred to the present distance learning course; and
- (b) as at the day before the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support begins, the period for which the person with leave to enter or remain is allowed to stay in the United Kingdom has expired and no further leave to remain has been granted and no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002),

A’s status as an eligible distance learning student terminates immediately before the first day of the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support.

(12) Paragraphs (10) and (11) do not apply where the student began the course in connection with which the Welsh Ministers determined that the student was an eligible student or eligible part-time student, as the case may be, before 1 September 2007.

(13) An eligible distance learning student may not, at any one time, qualify for support under these Regulations for—

- (a) more than one designated distance learning course;
- (b) a designated distance learning course and a designated course;
- (c) a designated distance learning course and a designated part-time course;
- (d) a designated distance learning course and a designated postgraduate course.

### **Students becoming eligible during the course of the academic year**

**73.—**(1) Where one of the events listed in paragraph (4) occurs in the course of an academic year—

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<sup>(55)</sup> 2002 c. 41. Section 104 was amended by the Asylum and Immigration (Treatment of Claimants, etc) Act 2004 (c. 19), Schedules 2 and 4, the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), section 9 and S.I. 2010/21.

- (a) a student may qualify for a grant in respect of fees in respect of that academic year in accordance with this Part provided that the relevant event occurred within the first three months of the academic year; and
  - (b) a grant in respect of fees is not available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.
- (2) Where one of the events listed in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (h) or (i) of paragraph (4) occurs in the course of an academic year—
- (a) a student may qualify for a grant for books, travel and other expenditure in respect of that academic year in accordance with this Part; and
  - (b) 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 relevant event occurred.
- (3) Where one of the events listed in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (h) or (i) of paragraph (4) occurs in the course of an academic year—
- (a) a student may qualify for a grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs in respect of that academic year in accordance with this Part; and
  - (b) a grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs is not available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.
- (4) The events are—
- (a) the student's course becomes a designated distance learning course;
  - (b) the student, the student's spouse, civil partner or parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) is recognised as a refugee or becomes a person with leave to enter or remain;
  - (c) a state accedes to the European Union and the student is a national of that state or a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) of a national of that state;
  - (d) the student becomes a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) of an EU national;
  - (e) the state of which the student is a national accedes to the European Union where the student has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three-year period immediately preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course;
  - (f) the student acquires the right of permanent residence;
  - (g) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 1;
  - (h) the student becomes the child of a Swiss national; or
  - (i) the student becomes the child of a Turkish worker.

### **Designated distance learning courses**

74.—(1) A course is designated for the purposes of section 22(1) of the 1998 Act and regulation 72 if it is designated by the Welsh Ministers under this regulation.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), the Welsh Ministers may designate a course under this regulation if in their opinion—

- (a) the course is listed in Schedule 2 other than a course for the initial training of teachers;
- (b) the course is a full-time course;
- (c) the course is of at least one academic year's duration; and
- (d) students undertaking the course in the United Kingdom are not required to be in attendance on it by the institution providing the course.

- (3) For the purposes of determining whether the requirement in paragraph (2)(d) is satisfied the Welsh Ministers may disregard—
- (a) any requirement imposed by the institution providing the course to attend any institution for the purposes of—
    - (i) registration or enrolment;
    - (ii) an examination;
  - (b) any requirement imposed by the institution providing the course to attend any institution on a weekend or during any vacation;
  - (c) any period of attendance at the institution providing the course which a student may but is not required to complete by that institution.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers may not designate a course as a designated distance learning course if—
- (a) it falls within paragraph 7 or 8 of Schedule 2; and
  - (b) the governing body of a maintained school has arranged for the provision of the course to a pupil of the school.

### **Period of eligibility**

**75.**—(1) A student’s status as an eligible distance learning student is retained in connection with a designated distance learning course until that status terminates in accordance with this regulation or regulation 72.

(2) The period for which an eligible distance learning student retains the status referred to in paragraph (1) is the “period of eligibility” (“*cyfnod cymhwysra*”).

(3) Subject to the following paragraphs and regulation 72, the period of eligibility terminates at the end of the academic year in which the eligible distance learning student completes the designated distance learning course.

(4) The period of eligibility terminates when the eligible distance learning student (“A” in this paragraph and in paragraph (5))—

- (a) withdraws from A’s designated distance learning course in circumstances where the Welsh Ministers have not transferred or converted or will not transfer or convert A’s status under regulation 83, 84, 85, or 109; or
- (b) abandons or is expelled from A’s designated distance learning course.

(5) The Welsh Ministers may terminate the period of eligibility where in their opinion A has shown by A’s conduct that A is unfitted to receive support under these Regulations.

(6) If the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that an eligible distance learning student has failed to comply with any requirement to provide information under this Part or has provided information which is inaccurate in a material particular, the Welsh Ministers may take such of the following actions as they consider appropriate in the circumstances—

- (a) terminate the period of eligibility;
- (b) determine that the student no longer qualifies for any particular support or particular amount of support under these Regulations;
- (c) treat any support paid to the student under these Regulations as an overpayment which may be recovered under regulation 88.

(7) Where the period of eligibility terminates before the end of the academic year in which the eligible distance learning student completes the designated distance learning course the Welsh Ministers may, at any time, renew or extend the period of eligibility for such period as they determine.

## Support for distance learning courses

76.—(1) For the purposes of this regulation, the support available is—

- (a) a grant in respect of fees not exceeding the lesser of the following amounts—
  - (i) £1,025; or
  - (ii) the “actual fees”, being the amount of fees charged to the eligible distance learning student in respect of an academic year of the designated distance learning course; and
- (b) a grant not exceeding £1,155 for books, travel and other expenditure in connection with the designated distance learning course.

(2) An eligible distance learning student does not qualify for support under paragraph (1)(b) if the only paragraph in Part 2 of Schedule 1 into which the eligible distance learning student falls is paragraph 9.

(3) An eligible distance learning student does not qualify for support under this regulation if—

- (a) the eligible distance learning student is a disabled student; and
- (b) there has been bestowed on or paid to the eligible distance learning student in connection with the designated distance learning course—
  - (i) a healthcare bursary the amount of which is calculated by reference to the eligible distance learning student’s income; or
  - (ii) a Scottish healthcare allowance whether or not the amount of such allowance is calculated by reference to the eligible distance learning student’s income.

(4) An eligible distance learning student does not qualify for support under this regulation unless the Welsh Ministers consider that the eligible distance learning student is undertaking the designated distance learning course in Wales.

(5) An eligible distance learning student does not qualify for support under this regulation if the eligible distance learning student has undertaken one or more distance learning courses for eight academic years in aggregate and the eligible distance learning student has received in respect of each of those academic years a loan or a grant of the kind described in paragraph (6).

(6) The loans and grants are—

- (a) a loan, a grant in respect of fees or a grant for books, travel and other expenditure each made in respect of an academic year of a distance learning course pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
- (b) a loan, a grant in respect of fees or a grant for books, travel and other expenditure each made in respect of an academic year of a distance learning course by the Department for Employment and Learning (Northern Ireland) pursuant to regulations made under Articles 3 and 8(4) of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998<sup>(56)</sup>; or
- (c) a loan in respect of an academic year of a distance learning course made pursuant to regulations made under sections 73(f), 73B and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980<sup>(57)</sup>.

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<sup>(56)</sup> S.I. 1998/1760 (N.I. 14), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(57)</sup> 1980 c. 44; section 73(f) was amended by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), section 29(1) and the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 6), section 3(2). Section 73B was inserted by section 29(2) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 and was amended by the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) Act 2001, Schedule 6 to the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (c. 1) and section 34(1) of the Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 3). Section 74 was amended by section 82 of and Schedule 10 to the Self-Governing Schools etc. (Scotland) Act 1989 (c. 39). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(7) An eligible distance learning student does not qualify for support under this regulation if the eligible distance learning student holds a first degree from an educational institution in the United Kingdom.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (7), a degree is not to be treated as a first degree where—

- (a) it is a degree (other than an honours degree) that has been awarded to the eligible distance learning student who has completed the required modules, examinations or other forms of assessment for the eligible distance learning student's first degree course; and
- (b) that student is undertaking the present distance learning course so as to obtain an honours degree on completion of the required modules, examinations or other forms of assessment (whether or not that student continues the course at the same educational institution after the award of the degree referred to in sub-paragraph (a)).

(9) No support is payable to an eligible distance learning student under these Regulations in connection with that student undertaking a distance learning course that is not a designated distance learning course.

### Amount of support

**77.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulation 83(6), the amount of support payable under regulation 76 in respect of an academic year is as follows—

- (a) if at the date of the eligible distance learner student's application the eligible distance learning student or the eligible distance learning student's partner is entitled—
  - (i) under Part VII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992<sup>(58)</sup> to income support, housing benefit or council tax benefit;
  - (ii) under Part 1 of the Jobseekers Act 1995<sup>(59)</sup> to income-based jobseeker's allowance or under section 2 of the Employment and Training Act 1973<sup>(60)</sup> to an allowance under the arrangements known as the New Deal; or
  - (iii) under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007<sup>(61)</sup> to an income-related employment and support allowance,
 the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1) is payable;
- (b) where the relevant income is less than £16,865, the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1) is payable;
- (c) where the relevant income is £16,865, the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1)(b) is payable together with £50 less than the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1)(a);

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<sup>(58)</sup> 1992 c. 4; Part VII was amended by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (c. 14), Schedule 9 and Schedule 14; the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Act 1994, Schedules 1 and 2; the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18), Schedule 2 and Schedule 3; the Housing Act 1996 (c. 52), Schedule 19 Part 6; the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), Schedule 8; the Health and Social Care Act 2001 (c. 15), Schedule 6 Part 3; the State Pension Credit Act 2002 (c. 16), Schedule 2 and Schedule 3, the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21), Schedule 6; S.I. 2002/1397; the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (c. 1), Schedule 6, paragraphs 169 and 179, the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), Schedule 24 and Schedule 30; the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5), sections 30(2) and 31(1), Schedule 3, Schedule 5 and Schedule 8; S.I. 2008/632, S.I. 2008/787; S.I. 2009/497 and S.I. 2010/793.

<sup>(59)</sup> 1995 c. 18; Part I was amended by the Employment Rights Act 1996 (c. 18), Schedule 1; the Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14), Schedules 7 and 8; the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30), Schedules 1, 7, 8 and 13; the State Pension Credit Act 2002 (c. 16), Schedule 2; the National Insurance Contributions Act 2002 (c. 19), Schedule 1; the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (c. 18), Schedule 6; the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), Schedule 24 and S.I. 2006/343; the Welfare Reform Act 2007 (c. 5), Schedule 3 and the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c. 24), section 33.

<sup>(60)</sup> 1973 c. 50; section 2 as substituted by the Employment Act 1988 (c. 19) was amended by the Employment Act 1989 (c. 38), Schedule 7. Subsections (3A) and (3B) were inserted by the Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 (c. 19), section 47 in relation to Scotland only.

<sup>(61)</sup> 2007 c. 5, amended by the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c. 24), sections 10, 11, 28 and Schedule 3.



- (d) where the relevant income exceeds £16,865 but is less than £25,435, the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1)(b) is payable and the amount of support payable under regulation 76(1)(a) is the amount determined in accordance with paragraph (2);
  - (e) where the relevant income is £25,435, the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1)(b) is payable and the amount of support payable under regulation 76(1)(a) is £50;
  - (f) where the relevant income exceeds £25,435 but is less than £26,095, the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1)(b) is payable and no support is payable under regulation 76(1)(a);
  - (g) where the relevant income is £26,095 or more but less than £28,180 no support is available under regulation 76(1)(a) and the amount of support payable under regulation 76(1)(b) is the amount left after deducting from the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1)(b) £1 for every £1,886 by which the relevant income exceeds £26,095;
  - (h) where the relevant income is £28,180, no support is payable under regulation 76(1)(a) and the amount of support payable under regulation 76(1)(b) is £50;
  - (i) where the relevant income exceeds £28,180 no support is payable under regulation 76(1).
- (2) Where paragraph (1)(d) applies, the amount of support payable under regulation 76(1)(a) is determined by deducting from the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1)(a) one of the following amounts—
- (a) £50 plus a further £1 for each complete £9.26 by which the relevant income exceeds £16,865; or
  - (b) where the actual fees are less than £1,025, an amount equal to that left after deducting from the amount calculated under sub-paragraph (a) the difference between £1,025 and the actual fees (unless the amount is a negative number in which case the maximum amount of support available under regulation 76(1)(a) is payable).

### **Interpretation of regulation 77**

**78.**—(1) For the purposes of regulation 77 and this regulation—

- (a) subject to sub-paragraph (b), “partner” (“*partner*”) means any of the following—
  - (i) the spouse of an eligible distance learning student;
  - (ii) the civil partner of an eligible distance learning student;
  - (iii) a person ordinarily living with an eligible distance learning student as if the person were the eligible distance learning student’s spouse where an eligible distance learning student is aged 25 or over on the first day of the academic year in respect of which the eligible distance learning student is being assessed for support and where the eligible distance learning student began the specified designated distance learning course before 1 September 2005;
  - (iv) a person ordinarily living with an eligible distance learning student as if the person were the eligible distance learning student’s spouse or civil partner where an eligible distance learning student began the specified designated distance learning course on or after 1 September 2005;
- (b) a person who would otherwise be a partner under sub-paragraph (a) is not to be treated as a partner if—
  - (i) in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, that person and the eligible distance learning student are separated; or

- (ii) the person is ordinarily living outside the United Kingdom and is not maintained by the eligible distance learning student;
- (c) “relevant income” (“*incwm perthnasol*”) has the meaning given in paragraph (2).
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), an eligible distance learning student’s relevant income is equal to the eligible distance learning student’s financial resources in the preceding financial year less—
- £2,000 in respect of the eligible distance learning student’s partner;
  - £2,000 in respect of the only or eldest child who is dependent on the eligible distance learning student or the eligible distance learning student’s partner; and
  - £1,000 in respect of each other child who is dependent on the eligible distance learning student or the eligible distance learning student’s partner.
- (3) Where the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that an eligible distance learning student’s financial resources in the preceding financial year are greater than the eligible distance learning student’s financial resources in the current financial year and that the difference between the two amounts is £1,000 or more, they must assess that student’s financial resources by reference to those resources in the current financial year.
- (4) In this regulation, an eligible distance learning student’s financial resources in a financial year means the aggregate of the eligible distance learning student’s income for that year together with the aggregate of the income for that year of any person who at the date of the application for support under this Part is the eligible distance learning student’s partner.
- (5) In this regulation—
- “child” (“*plentyn*”) in relation to an eligible distance learning student includes any child of the student’s partner and any child for whom the student has parental responsibility;
  - “current financial year” (“*blwyddyn ariannol gyfredol*”) means the financial year which includes the first day of the academic year in respect of which a person is being assessed for support under this Part;
  - “dependent” (“*dibynnol*”) means wholly or mainly financially dependent;
  - “financial year” (“*blwyddyn ariannol*”) means the period of twelve months for which the income of the eligible distance learning student is computed for the purposes of the income tax legislation which applies to it;
  - “income” (“*incwm*”) means gross income from all sources excluding—
    - any payment made under section 23C(5A) of the Children Act 1989; and
    - any tax credits awarded pursuant to any claims under section 3 of the Tax Credits Act 2002(62);
  - “preceding financial year” (“*blwyddyn ariannol flaenorol*”) means the financial year immediately preceding the current financial year;
  - “specified designated distance learning course” (“*cwrs dysgu o bell dynodedig a bennir*”) means the course in respect of which the person is applying for support under this Part or, where the student’s status as an eligible distance learning student has been transferred to the present distance learning course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Welsh Ministers from a distance learning course (the “initial course”) (“*cwrs cychwynnol*”) in connection with which the Welsh Ministers determined the student to be an eligible distance learning student pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act, the specified designated distance learning course is the initial course.

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(62) 2002 c. 21, section 3 was amended by the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33), section 254 and Schedule 24.

### **Grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs**

**79.**—(1) An eligible distance learning student qualifies in accordance with this Part for a grant to assist with the additional expenditure which the Welsh Ministers are satisfied the eligible distance learning student is obliged to incur by reason of a disability to which the eligible distance learning student is subject in respect of the eligible distance learning student undertaking a designated distance learning course.

(2) An eligible distance learning student does not qualify for the grant under this regulation if the only paragraph in Part 2 of Schedule 1 into which the eligible distance learning student falls is paragraph 9.

(3) An eligible distance learning student does not qualify for the grant under this regulation in respect of any academic year that is a bursary year.

(4) An eligible distance learning student does not qualify for the grant under this regulation unless the Welsh Ministers consider that the eligible distance learning student is undertaking the designated distance learning course in Wales.

(5) Subject to the following paragraphs, the amount of grant under this regulation is the amount that the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate in accordance with the student's circumstances.

(6) The amount of the grant under this regulation must not exceed—

- (a) £20,520 in respect of an academic year for expenditure on a non-medical personal helper;
- (b) £5,166 in respect of all the academic years during the period of eligibility for expenditure on major items of specialist equipment;
- (c) the additional expenditure incurred—
  - (i) within the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending the institution;
  - (ii) within or outside the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending, as a part of the eligible distance learning student's course, any period of study at an overseas institution or for the purpose of attending the Institute;
- (d) £1,729 in respect of an academic year for any other expenditure including expenditure incurred for the purposes referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) which exceeds the specified maxima.

### **Applications for support**

**80.**—(1) A person must apply for support in connection with each academic year of a designated distance learning course by completing and submitting to the Welsh Ministers an application in such form as the Welsh Ministers may require.

(2) The application must be accompanied by—

- (a) a declaration completed by the academic authority; and
- (b) such additional documentation as the Welsh Ministers may require.

(3) The Welsh Ministers may take such steps and make such inquiries as they consider necessary to determine whether the applicant is an eligible distance learning student, whether the applicant qualifies for support under this Part and the amount of support payable, if any.

(4) The Welsh Ministers must notify the applicant of whether the applicant qualifies for support under this Part and, if the applicant does qualify, the amount of support payable in respect of the academic year, if any.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), the application must reach the Welsh Ministers within a period of six months beginning with the first day of the academic year of the designated distance learning course in respect of which it is submitted.

- (6) Paragraph (5) does not apply where—
- (a) one of the events listed in paragraph (4) of regulation 73 occurs after the first day of the academic year in respect of which the applicant is applying for support under this Part, in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers within a period of six months beginning with the day on which the relevant event occurred;
  - (b) the applicant is applying for the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs, in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers as soon as is reasonably practicable; or
  - (c) the Welsh Ministers consider that having regard to the circumstances of the particular case the time limit should be relaxed, in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers not later than such date as they specify.

### **Declarations provided by academic authorities**

**81.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the academic authority must, on the request of the applicant, complete a declaration in such form as may be required by the Welsh Ministers to accompany the application for support under regulation 80.

(2) An academic authority is not required to complete a declaration if it is unable to give the confirmation required by sub-paragraph 3(a)(ii) or 3(b)(ii).

(3) In this Part, “declaration” (“*datganiad*”) means—

- (a) where the applicant is applying for support in connection with the designated distance learning course for the first time, a statement that—
  - (i) provides the course information; and
  - (ii) confirms that the applicant has undertaken at least two weeks of the designated distance learning course;
- (b) in any other case, a statement that—
  - (i) provides the course information; and
  - (ii) confirms that the applicant has enrolled to undertake the academic year of the designated distance learning course in respect of which the applicant is applying for support.

(4) In this regulation, “course information” (“*gwybodaeth am y cwrs*”) means—

- (a) the amount of fees being charged in respect of the academic year in respect of which the applicant is applying for support under this Part;
- (b) certification by the academic authority that it considers the applicant is undertaking the designated distance learning course in Wales; and
- (c) in any case where the applicant is a disabled student, certification by the academic authority that it considers the applicant has chosen to undertake the designated distance learning course for a reason other than that the applicant is unable to attend a designated course for a reason which relates to the applicant’s disability.

### **Information**

**82.** Schedule 3 applies in respect of the provision of information by an applicant or an eligible distance learning student.

### **Transfer of status**

**83.**—(1) Where an eligible distance learning student transfers from a designated distance learning course to another designated distance learning course, the Welsh Ministers must transfer the student's status as an eligible distance learning student to that other course where—

- (a) they receive a request from the eligible distance learning student to do so;
- (b) they are satisfied that one or more of the grounds for transfer in paragraph (2) applies; and
- (c) the period of eligibility has not terminated.

(2) The grounds for transfer are—

- (a) the eligible distance learning student starts to undertake another designated distance learning course at the same institution;
- (b) the eligible distance learning student starts to undertake a designated distance learning course at another institution; or
- (c) after commencing a designated distance learning course for a first degree (other than an honours degree) the eligible distance learning student is, before the completion of that course, admitted to a designated distance learning course for an honours degree in the same subject at the same institution.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), an eligible distance learning student who transfers under paragraph (1) is to receive in connection with the academic year of the course to which the eligible distance learning student transfers the remainder of the support under this Part for which the Welsh Ministers have determined the eligible distance learning student qualifies in respect of the academic year of the course from which the eligible distance learning student transfers.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may re-assess the amount of support payable after the transfer in accordance with this Part.

(5) An eligible student who transfers under paragraph (1) after the Welsh Ministers have determined the eligible distance learning student's support under this Part in connection with the academic year of the course from which the eligible distance learning student is transferring but before the eligible distance learning student completes that year, may not apply for another grant under regulation 76(1)(b) or regulation 79 in connection with the academic year of the course to which the eligible distance learning student transfers.

(6) Where a student transfers under paragraph (1), the maximum amount of support under regulation 76(1)(a) in respect of the academic years to and from which the eligible distance learning student transfers is the amount of support available in connection with the course with the highest actual fees as defined in regulation 76.

### **Conversion of status — eligible students transferring to designated distance learning courses**

**84.**—(1) Where an eligible student ceases to undertake a designated course and transfers to a designated distance learning course at the same or at another institution, the Welsh Ministers must convert the student's status as an eligible student to that of an eligible distance learning student in connection with the course to which the eligible student is transferring where—

- (a) they receive a request from the eligible student to do so; and
- (b) the period of eligibility has not terminated.

(2) The following applies to an eligible student who transfers under paragraph (1)—

- (a) where the Welsh Ministers have determined to pay an amount of grant for disabled students' living costs to that student under Part 5 in periodic instalments, no payment in respect of that amount of grant must be made in respect of any instalment period beginning after the date on which that student becomes an eligible distance learning student;

- (b) the maximum amount of grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs to which that student would, apart from this regulation, be entitled in connection with that student undertaking a designated distance learning course in respect of that academic year is reduced by one third where that student became an eligible distance learning student in the second quarter of the academic year and by two thirds where that student became an eligible distance learning student in a later quarter of that year;
  - (c) where an amount of grant for disabled students' living costs for any purpose has been paid to the student under Part 5 in a single instalment, the maximum amount of grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs payable to that student for that purpose is reduced (or where sub-paragraph (b) applies, further reduced) by the amount of grant paid to that student for that purpose pursuant to Part 5, and where the resulting amount is nil or a negative amount that amount is nil; and
  - (d) where immediately before that student became an eligible distance learning student that student was eligible to apply, but had not applied for a loan for living costs in respect of that year, or had not applied for the maximum amount or increased maximum to which that student was entitled, that student may apply for such a loan or such additional amount as if that student had continued to be an eligible student and in the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (3) the maximum amount or increased maximum amount of such loan for the academic year is reduced in accordance with that paragraph.
- (3) Where the request under paragraph (1) is made during the first quarter of the academic year in respect of which the loan for living costs is payable the maximum amount or increased maximum amount of loan (as the case may be) is reduced by two thirds and where the request is made during the second quarter of that year that amount is reduced by one third.

### **Conversion of status — eligible distance learning students transferring to designated courses**

**85.**—(1) Where an eligible distance learning student ceases to undertake a designated distance learning course and transfers to a designated course at the same or at another institution, the Welsh Ministers must convert the student's status as an eligible distance learning student to that of an eligible student in connection with the course to which the eligible distance learning student is transferring where—

- (a) they receive a request from the eligible distance learning student to do so; and
  - (b) the period of eligibility has not terminated.
- (2) The following applies to an eligible distance learning student who transfers under paragraph (1)—
- (a) where the Welsh Ministers have determined to pay an amount of grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs to that student in periodic instalments no payment in respect of that amount of grant must be made in respect of any instalment period beginning after the date on which that student becomes an eligible student;
  - (b) any support to which that student is entitled under this Part in respect of the academic year in which that student transfers is ignored in determining the amount of support to which that student may be entitled in respect of that year under Parts 4 to 6;
  - (c) the maximum amount of any support under Part 5 or 6 to which that student would, apart from this regulation, be entitled in connection with a designated course in respect of the academic year is reduced by one third where that student became an eligible student during the second quarter of that academic year and by two thirds where that student became an eligible student in a later quarter of that year; and
  - (d) where an amount of grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs for any purpose has been paid to that student in a single instalment, the maximum amount of grant for disabled students' living costs payable to that student under Part 5 for that purpose is

reduced (or, where sub-paragraph (c) applies, further reduced) by the amount of grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs paid to that student for that purpose and where the resulting amount is nil or a negative amount that amount is nil.

### **Payment of grants for fees**

**86.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Welsh Ministers must pay the grant in respect of fees for which the eligible distance learning student qualifies to the appropriate academic authority after a request for payment has been received which the Welsh Ministers consider to be a valid request.

(2) The Welsh Ministers may make payments under paragraph (1) at such times and in such instalments (if any) as they see fit.

(3) The Welsh Ministers may make provisional payments under paragraph (1) in such cases as they deem appropriate.

### **Payment of grants for books, travel and other expenditure and grants for disabled distance learning students' living costs**

**87.**—(1) Payments of the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs may be made in such manner as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate and they may make it a condition of entitlement to payment that the eligible distance learning student must provide them with particulars of a bank or building society account in the United Kingdom into which payments may be made by electronic transfer.

(2) Where the Welsh Ministers cannot make a final assessment on the basis of the information provided by the eligible distance learning student, they may make a provisional assessment and payment of the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs.

(3) The Welsh Ministers may pay the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs in instalments or in a single lump sum.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), the Welsh Ministers may pay the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs at such times as they consider appropriate.

(5) The Welsh Ministers must not pay the first instalment or, where it has been determined not to pay support in instalments, make any payment of the grant for books, travel and other expenditure or the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs before they have received a declaration under regulation 81 unless an exception referred to in paragraph (6) applies.

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (5) an exception applies if—

- (a) a grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs is payable in which case that particular grant may be paid before the Welsh Ministers have received a declaration;
- (b) the Welsh Ministers have determined that owing to exceptional circumstances it would be appropriate to make a payment without receiving a declaration.

### **Overpayments**

**88.**—(1) Any overpayment of a grant in respect of fees is recoverable by the Welsh Ministers from the academic authority.

(2) An eligible distance learning student must, if so required by the Welsh Ministers, repay any amount paid to the eligible distance learning student under this Part which for whatever reason exceeds the amount of grant to which the eligible distance learning student is entitled under this Part.

(3) The Welsh Ministers must recover an overpayment of grant for books, travel and other expenditure and grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs unless they consider that it is not appropriate to do so.

(4) The methods of recovery are—

- (a) subtracting the overpayment from any kind of grant payable to the eligible distance learning student from time to time pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
- (b) taking such other action for the recovery of an overpayment as is available to the Welsh Ministers.

(5) A payment of the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs made before the relevant date is an overpayment if the eligible distance learning student withdraws from the course before the relevant date unless the Welsh Ministers decide otherwise.

(6) In this regulation, the “relevant date” (“*dyddiad perthnasol*”) is the date on which the first term of the academic year in question actually begins.

(7) In the circumstances set out in paragraph (8) or (9), there is an overpayment of the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs unless the Welsh Ministers decide otherwise.

(8) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (7) are—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers apply all or part of the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs to the purchase of specialist equipment on behalf of the eligible distance learning student;
- (b) the eligible distance learning student's period of eligibility terminates after the relevant date; and
- (c) the equipment has not been delivered to the eligible distance learning student before the period of eligibility terminates.

(9) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (7) are—

- (a) the eligible distance learning student's period of eligibility terminates after the relevant date; and
- (b) a payment of the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs in respect of specialist equipment is made to the student after the period of eligibility terminated.

(10) Where there is an overpayment of the grant for disabled distance learning students' living costs, the Welsh Ministers may accept the return of specialist equipment purchased with the grant by way of recovery of all or part of the overpayment if they consider it is appropriate to do so.

## PART 12

### SUPPORT FOR PART-TIME COURSES

#### **Eligible part-time students**

**89.**—(1) An eligible part-time student qualifies for support in connection with the student undertaking a designated part-time course subject to and in accordance with this Part.

(2) A person is an eligible part-time student in connection with a designated part-time course if—

- (a) in assessing the person's application for support under regulation 105 the Welsh Ministers determine that the person falls within one of the categories set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) the person is not excluded by paragraph (3).



(3) Subject to paragraph (7), a person (“A” in this paragraph) is not an eligible part-time student if—

- (a) there has been bestowed on or paid to A in relation to A undertaking the part-time course—
  - (i) a healthcare bursary whether or not the amount of such bursary is calculated by reference to A’s income;
  - (ii) any allowance under the Nursing and Midwifery Student Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 2007; or
  - (iii) a Scottish healthcare allowance whether or not the amount of such allowance is calculated by reference to A’s income;
- (b) A is in breach of any obligation to repay any loan;
- (c) A has reached the age of 18 and has not ratified any agreement for a loan made with A when A was under the age of 18;
- (d) A has, in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, shown by A’s conduct that A is unfitted to receive support under this Part;
- (e) subject to paragraph (4), A is a prisoner; or
- (f) A begins the present part-time course on or after 1 September 2012.

(4) Paragraph (3)(e) does not apply in respect of an academic year during which the student enters prison or is released from prison.

(5) For the purposes of paragraphs (3)(b) and (3)(c), “loan” (“*benthyciad*”) means a loan made under the student loans legislation.

(6) In a case where the agreement for a loan is subject to the law of Scotland, paragraph (3)(c) only applies if the agreement was made—

- (a) before 25 September 1991; and
- (b) with the concurrence of the borrower’s curator or at a time when the borrower had no curator.

(7) Subject to paragraphs (9) to (11), a person is an eligible part-time student for the purposes of this Part if the person satisfies the conditions in paragraphs (8)(a) or (b).

(8) The conditions referred to in paragraph (7) are—

- (a) the—
  - (i) person qualified as an eligible part-time student in connection with an earlier academic year of the present part-time course pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (ii) person was ordinarily resident in Wales on the first day of the present part-time course; and
  - (iii) person’s status as an eligible part-time student has not terminated;
- (b) the—
  - (i) Welsh Ministers have previously determined that the person is an eligible—
    - (aa) student in connection with a designated course;
    - (bb) part-time student in connection with a designated part-time course other than the present part-time course; or
    - (cc) distance learning student in connection with a designated distance learning course;
  - (ii) person’s status as an eligible student, an eligible distance learning student or as an eligible part-time student in connection with the course referred to in sub-

paragraph (b)(i) has been converted or transferred from that course to the present part-time course as a result of one or more conversions or transfers in accordance with regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;

- (iii) person was ordinarily resident in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of the course referred to in sub-paragraph (b)(i); and
- (iv) person's status as an eligible part-time student has not terminated.

(9) Where—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers determined that, by virtue of being a refugee or the spouse, civil partner, child or step-child of a refugee, a person ("A" in this paragraph) was an eligible part-time student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the present part-time course or an application for support in connection with a designated course, designated distance learning course or other designated part-time course from which A's status as an eligible part-time student, eligible student or eligible distance learning student has been transferred to the present part-time course; and
- (b) as at the day before the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support begins, the refugee status of A or of A's spouse, civil partner, parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) or step-parent, as the case may be, has expired and no further leave to remain has been granted and no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002),

A's status as an eligible part-time student terminates immediately before the first day of the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support.

(10) Where—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers determined that, by virtue of being a person with leave to enter or remain or the spouse, civil partner, child or step-child of such a person, a person ("A" in this paragraph) was an eligible part-time student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the present part-time course or an application for support in connection with a designated course, designated distance learning course or other designated part-time course from which A's status as an eligible part-time student, eligible student or eligible distance learning student has been transferred to the present part-time course; and
- (b) as at the day before the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support begins, the period for which the person with leave to enter or remain is allowed to stay in the United Kingdom has expired and no further leave to remain has been granted and no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002),

A's status as an eligible part-time student terminates immediately before the first day of the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support.

(11) Paragraphs (9) and (10) do not apply where the student started the course in connection with which the Welsh Ministers determined that the student was an eligible part-time student or eligible student, as the case may be, before 1 September 2007.

(12) An eligible part-time student does not qualify for support under regulation 93(1)(b), regulation 94 or regulations 95 to 104 if the only paragraph in Part 2 of Schedule 1 into which the eligible part-time student falls is paragraph 9.

(13) An eligible part-time student qualifies for support—

- (a) under regulation 93(1)(a) if the Welsh Ministers consider that the eligible part-time student is undertaking the designated part-time course in Wales; or
- (b) under regulations 93(1)(b), 94 or 95 to 104 if the Welsh Ministers consider that the eligible part-time student is undertaking the designated part-time course in the United Kingdom.

(14) An eligible part-time student does not qualify for support under regulation 93 or regulations 95 to 104 if the eligible part-time student has undertaken one or more part-time courses for eight academic years in aggregate and the eligible part-time student has received in respect of each of those academic years a loan or a grant of the kind described in paragraph (15).

(15) The loans and grants referred to in paragraph (14) are—

- (a) a loan, a grant in respect of fees or a grant for books, travel and other expenditure each made in respect of an academic year of a part-time course pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
- (b) a loan, a grant in respect of fees or a grant for books, travel and other expenditure each made in respect of an academic year of a part-time course by the Department for Employment and Learning (Northern Ireland) pursuant to regulations made under Articles 3 and 8(4) of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998; or
- (c) a loan in respect of an academic year of a part-time course made pursuant to regulations made under sections 73(f), 73B and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.

(16) Subject to paragraphs (17) and (18), an eligible part-time student does not qualify for support under regulation 93 or regulations 95 to 104 if the student holds a first degree from an educational institution in the United Kingdom.

(17) For the purposes of paragraph (16), a degree is not to be treated as a first degree where—

- (a) it is a degree (other than an honours degree) that has been awarded to the eligible part-time student who has completed the required modules, examinations or other forms of assessment for the eligible part-time student's first degree course; and
- (b) that student is undertaking the present part-time course so as to obtain an honours degree on completion of the required modules, examinations or other forms of assessment (whether or not that student continues the course at the same institution after the award of the degree referred to in sub-paragraph (a)).

(18) Paragraph (16) does not prevent an eligible part-time student from qualifying for support under regulation 93 or regulations 95 to 104 if—

- (a) the present part-time course is a course for the initial training of teachers which started on or after 1 September 2010;
- (b) the duration of that course does not exceed four years; and
- (c) the eligible part-time student is not a qualified teacher.

(19) An eligible part-time student may not, at any one time, qualify for support for—

- (a) more than one designated part-time course;
- (b) a designated part-time course and a designated course;
- (c) a designated part-time course and a designated distance learning course;
- (d) a designated part-time course and a designated postgraduate course.

### **Students becoming eligible during the course of the academic year**

**90.**—(1) Where one of the events listed in paragraph (4) occurs in the course of an academic year—

- (a) a student may qualify for a grant in respect of fees in respect of that academic year in accordance with this Part provided that the relevant event occurred within the first three months of the academic year; and
- (b) a grant in respect of fees is not available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.

(2) Where one of the events listed in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (h) or (i) of paragraph (4) occurs in the course of an academic year, a student may qualify for part-time grants for dependants in accordance with this Part in respect of all or part of that academic year but the student does not qualify for a grant in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.

(3) Where one of the events listed in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), (e), (f), (g) (h) or (i) of paragraph (4) occurs in the course of an academic year—

- (a) a student may qualify for a grant for books, travel and other expenditure or for a grant for disabled part-time students' living costs (or both) in respect of that academic year in accordance with this Part; and
- (b) neither a grant for books, travel and other expenditure nor a grant for disabled part-time students' living costs is available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.

(4) The events are—

- (a) the student's course becomes a designated part-time course;
- (b) the student or the student's spouse, civil partner or parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) is recognised as a refugee or becomes a person with leave to enter or remain;
- (c) a state accedes to the European Union where the student is a national of that state or a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) of a national of that state;
- (d) the student becomes a family member (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) of an EU national;
- (e) the state of which the student is a national accedes to the European Union where the student has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three year-period immediately preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (f) the student acquires the right of permanent residence;
- (g) the student becomes the child of a Turkish worker;
- (h) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 1; or
- (i) the student becomes the child of a Swiss national.

### **Designated part-time courses**

**91.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a part-time course is designated for the purposes of section 22(1) of the 1998 Act and regulation 89 if—

- (a) it is a course listed in Schedule 2 other than a course for the initial training of teachers which—
  - (i) began before 1 September 2010;
  - (ii) begins on or after 1 September 2010 where the student transfers to the present course pursuant to regulation 8 from a course for the initial training of teachers which began before 1 September 2010; or
  - (iii) begins on or after 1 September 2010 but before 1 September 2011 and in relation to which the student is a 2010 gap year student;
- (b) it is of at least one academic year's duration;
- (c) it is ordinarily possible to complete the course in not more than twice the period ordinarily required to complete the full-time equivalent;

- (d) it is wholly provided by a publicly funded educational institution in the United Kingdom or is provided by such institution in conjunction with an institution outside the United Kingdom;
  - (e) it is not designated by or under regulation 5; and
  - (f) it is not designated by or under regulation 74.
- (2) A course falling within paragraph 7 or 8 of Schedule 2 is not a designated part-time course where the governing body of a maintained school has arranged for the provision of such a course to a pupil of the school.
- (3) A course that is taken as part of an employment-based teacher training scheme is not a designated part-time course.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)—
- (a) a course is provided by an institution if it provides the teaching and supervision which comprise the course, whether or not the institution has entered into an agreement with the student to provide the course;
  - (b) a university and any constituent college or institution in the nature of a college of a university is regarded as publicly funded if either the university or the constituent college or institution is publicly funded; and
  - (c) an institution is not regarded as publicly funded by reason only that it receives public funds from the governing body of a higher education institution in accordance with section 65(3A) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992(63).
- (5) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(c)—
- (a) “full-time equivalent” (“*cwrs amser-llawn cyfatebol*”) means a full-time course leading to the same qualification as the part-time course in question;
  - (b) the “period ordinarily required to complete the full-time equivalent” (“*cyfnod y mae ei angen fel arfer i gwblhau'r cwrs amser-llawn cyfatebol*”) means—
    - (i) where the course is provided by or on behalf of the Open University, the period that a standard full-time student would require to complete the full-time equivalent if that student were awarded 120 credit points in each academic year;
    - (ii) where the course is provided by or on behalf of any other institution, the period in which a standard full-time student would complete the full-time equivalent;
  - (c) “standard full-time student” (“*myfyriwr amser-llawn safonol*”) is a student who is to be taken—
    - (i) to have started the full-time equivalent on the same date as the eligible part-time student started the part-time course in question;
    - (ii) not to have been excused any part of the full-time equivalent;
    - (iii) not to have repeated any part of the full-time equivalent; and
    - (iv) not to have been absent from the full-time equivalent other than during vacations.
- (6) For the purposes of section 22 of the 1998 Act and regulation 89(1) the Welsh Ministers may designate courses of higher education which are not designated under paragraph (1).

### Period of eligibility

**92.**—(1) A student’s status as an eligible part-time student is retained in connection with a designated part-time course until that status terminates in accordance with this regulation or regulation 89.

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(63) 1992 c. 13; section 65(3A) was inserted by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), section 27.

(2) The period for which an eligible part-time student retains the status referred to in paragraph (1) is the “period of eligibility” (“*cyfnod cymhwysra*”).

(3) Subject to the following paragraphs and regulation 89, the period of eligibility terminates at the end of the academic year in which the eligible part-time student completes the eligible part-time student’s designated part-time course.

(4) The period of eligibility terminates when the eligible part-time student (“A” in this paragraph)

- (a) withdraws from A’s designated part-time course in circumstances where the Welsh Ministers have not transferred or converted or will not transfer or convert A’s status under regulation 108 or 109; or
- (b) abandons or is expelled from A’s designated part-time course.

(5) The period of eligibility terminates at the end of the academic year during or at the end of which it becomes impossible for the eligible part-time student to complete the designated part-time course within the period specified in regulation 91(1)(c) even if the eligible part-time student increases the eligible part-time student’s intensity of study.

(6) The Welsh Ministers may terminate the period of eligibility where the eligible part-time student (“A” in this paragraph) has in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers shown by A’s conduct that A is unfitted to receive support under this Part.

(7) If the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that an eligible part-time student has failed to comply with any requirement to provide information under this Part or has provided information which is inaccurate in a material particular, the Welsh Ministers may take such of the following actions as they consider appropriate in the circumstances—

- (a) terminate the period of eligibility;
- (b) determine that the student no longer qualifies for any particular support or particular amount of support under this Part;
- (c) treat any support paid to the student as an overpayment which may be recovered under regulation 114.

(8) Where the period of eligibility terminates—

- (a) before the end of the academic year in which the eligible part-time student completes the designated part-time course; and
- (b) otherwise than under paragraph (5),

the Welsh Ministers may, at any time, renew, or extend the period of eligibility for such period as they determine.

### **Support for part-time courses (fee grant and grant for books, travel and other expenditure)**

**93.**—(1) For the purposes of this regulation, the support available is—

- (a) a grant in respect of fees not exceeding the lesser of the following amounts—
  - (i) the amount of basic fee grant (calculated in accordance with the following paragraphs), or
  - (ii) the “actual fees” (“*ffioedd gwirioneddol*”), being the amount of fees charged in respect of an academic year of the designated part-time course; and
- (b) a grant not exceeding £1,155 for books, travel and other expenditure in connection with the designated part-time course.

(2) The basic fee grant varies according to the intensity of study.

The intensity of study is calculated as follows and expressed as a percentage:

$$\frac{PT}{FT} \times 100$$

where—

**PT** is the number of modules, credits, credit points, points or other unit to be awarded to the eligible part-time student by the academic authority if the eligible part-time student successfully completes the academic year in connection with which the eligible part-time student is applying for support under regulation 105; and

**FT** is—

- (a) where the course is provided by or on behalf of the Open University, 120;
- (b) where the course is provided by or on behalf of any other institution, the number of modules, credits, credit points, points or other unit that a standard full-time student would be required to obtain in each academic year in order to complete the full-time equivalent within the period ordinarily required to complete that course.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)—

- (a) “full-time equivalent” (“*cwrs amser-llawn cyfatebol*”) and “standard full-time student” (“*myfyriwr amser-llawn safonol*”) are to be interpreted in accordance with regulation 91; and
- (b) “the period ordinarily required to complete the full-time equivalent” (“*cyfnod y mae ei angen fel arfer i gwblhau'r cwrs amser-llawn cyfatebol*”) is to be calculated in accordance with regulation 91.

(4) The “basic fee grant” (“*grant ffioedd sylfaenol*”) is—

- (a) £690 where the intensity of study is less than 60 per cent (“level 1”);
- (b) £820 where the intensity of study is 60 per cent or more but less than 75 per cent (“level 2”);
- (c) £1,025 where the intensity of study is 75 per cent or more (“level 3”).

(5) Subject to paragraph (6) and regulation 108(6), the amount of support payable under regulation 93 in respect of an academic year is as follows—

- (a) if at the date of the application the eligible part-time student or the eligible part-time student’s partner is entitled—
  - (i) under Part VII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 to income support, housing benefit or council tax benefit;
  - (ii) under Part 1 of the Jobseekers Act 1995 to income-based jobseekers allowance or under section 2 of the Employment and Training Act 1973 to an allowance under the arrangements known as the New Deal; or
  - (iii) under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act 2007 to an income-related employment and support allowance;

the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1) is payable;

- (b) where the relevant income is less than £16,865, the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1) is payable;
- (c) where the relevant income is £16,865, the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1)(b) is payable together with £50 less than the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1)(a);
- (d) where the relevant income exceeds £16,865 but is less than £25,435, the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1)(b) is payable and the amount of

- support payable under regulation 93(1)(a) is the amount determined in accordance with paragraph (6);
- (e) where the relevant income is £25,435, the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1)(b) is payable and the amount of support payable under regulation 93(1)(a) is £50;
  - (f) where the relevant income exceeds £25,435 but is less than £26,095 the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1)(b) is payable and no support is payable under regulation 93(1)(a);
  - (g) where the relevant income is £26,095 or more but less than £28,180 no support is available under regulation 93(1)(a) and the amount of support payable under regulation 93(1)(b) is the amount left after deducting from the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1)(b) £1 for every £1.886 by which the relevant income exceeds £26,095;
  - (h) where the relevant income is £28,180 no support is payable under regulation 93(1)(a) and the amount of support payable under regulation 93(1)(b) is £50;
  - (i) where the relevant income exceeds £28,180 no support is payable under regulation 93(1).
- (6) Where paragraph (5)(d) applies, the amount of support payable under regulation 93(1)(a) is determined by deducting from the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1)(a) one of the following amounts—
- (a) £50 plus a further £1 for each complete £14.52, £11.90 or £9.26 by which the relevant income exceeds £16,865 according to whether the intensity of study is level 1, 2 or 3, respectively; or
  - (b) where the basic fee grant is greater than the actual fees, an amount equal to that left after deducting from the amount calculated under sub-paragraph (a) the difference between the basic fee grant and the actual fees (unless the amount is a negative number in which case the maximum amount of support available under regulation 93(1)(a) is payable).
- (7) For the purposes of this regulation—
- (a) “child” (“*plentyn*”) in relation to an eligible part-time student includes any child of the eligible part-time student’s partner and any child for whom the eligible part-time student has parental responsibility;
  - (b) “current financial year” (“*y flwyddyn ariannol gyfredol*”) means the financial year which includes the first day of the academic year in respect of which a person is being assessed for support under this Part;
  - (c) “dependent” (“*dibynnol*”) means wholly or mainly financially dependent;
  - (d) “financial year” (“*blwyddyn ariannol*”) means the period of twelve months for which the income of the eligible part-time student is computed for the purposes of the income tax legislation which applies to it;
  - (e) “income” (“*incwm*”) means gross income from all sources excluding—
    - (i) any payment made under section 23C(5A) of the Children Act 1989; and
    - (ii) any tax credits awarded pursuant to any claims under section 3 of the Tax Credits Act 2002;
  - (f) subject to sub-paragraph (g), “partner” (“*partner*”) means any of the following—
    - (i) the spouse of an eligible part-time student;
    - (ii) the civil partner of an eligible part-time student;
    - (iii) a person ordinarily living with an eligible part-time student as if the person were the eligible part-time student’s spouse where an eligible part-time student is aged 25 or over on the first day of the academic year in respect of which the eligible part-time



student is being assessed for support under this Part and where the eligible part-time student began the specified designated part-time course before 1 September 2005;

- (iv) a person ordinarily living with an eligible part-time student as if the person were the eligible part-time student's spouse or civil partner where an eligible part-time student begins the specified designated part-time course on or after 1 September 2005;
- (g) a person who would otherwise be a partner under sub-paragraph (f) is not treated as a partner if—
  - (i) in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, that person and the eligible part-time student are separated; or
  - (ii) the person is ordinarily living outside the United Kingdom and is not maintained by the eligible part-time student;
- (h) "preceding financial year" (*"blwyddyn ariannol flaenorol"*) means the financial year immediately preceding the current financial year;
- (i) "relevant income" (*"incwm perthnasol"*) has the meaning given in paragraph (8).

(8) Subject to paragraph (9), an eligible part-time student's relevant income is equal to the eligible part-time student's financial resources in the preceding financial year less—

- (i) £2,000 in respect of the eligible part-time student's partner;
- (ii) £2,000 in respect of the only or eldest child who is dependent on the eligible part-time student or the eligible part-time student's partner; and
- (iii) £1,000 in respect of each other child who is dependent on the eligible part-time student or the eligible part-time student's partner.

(9) Where the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that an eligible part-time student's financial resources in the preceding financial year are greater than the eligible part-time student's financial resources in the current financial year and that the difference between the two amounts is £1,000 or more, they must assess that student's financial resources by reference to those resources in the current financial year.

(10) In this regulation, an eligible part-time student's financial resources in a financial year means the aggregate of the eligible part-time student's income for that year together with the aggregate of the income for that year of any person who at the date of the application for support under this Part is the eligible part-time student's partner.

(11) In this regulation "specified designated part-time course" (*"cwrw rhan-amser dynodedig a bennir"*) means the course in respect of which the person is applying for support under this Part or, where the student's status as an eligible part-time student has been transferred to the present part-time course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Welsh Ministers from a part-time course (the "initial course") in connection with which the Welsh Ministers determined the student to be an eligible part-time student pursuant to regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act, the specified designated part-time course is the initial course.

### **Grants for disabled part-time students' living costs**

**94.**—(1) An eligible part-time student qualifies in accordance with this regulation for a grant for disabled part-time students' living costs to assist with the additional expenditure which the Welsh Ministers are satisfied the student is obliged to incur in connection with the eligible part-time student undertaking a designated part-time course by reason of a disability to which the eligible part-time student is subject.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the amount of grant for which an eligible part-time student qualifies under this regulation is the amount that the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.

(3) The amount of the grant must not exceed—

- (a) £15,390 in respect of an academic year for expenditure on a non-medical personal helper;
- (b) £5,166 in respect of all the academic years during the period of eligibility for expenditure on major items of specialist equipment;
- (c) the additional expenditure incurred—
  - (i) within the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending the institution;
  - (ii) within or outside the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending, as a part of the eligible part-time student's course, any period of study at an overseas institution or for the purpose of attending the Institute;
- (d) £1,296 in respect of an academic year for any other expenditure including expenditure incurred for the purposes referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) which exceeds the specified maxima.

#### **Part-time grants for dependants — general**

**95.**—(1) An eligible part-time student qualifies for part-time grants for dependants provided that—

- (a) the part-time student is not excluded from qualification by any of the following paragraphs, regulation 89 or regulation 92; and
- (b) the part-time student satisfies the qualifying conditions for the particular grant for which the student is applying.

(2) An eligible part-time student does not qualify for part-time grants for dependants if the eligible part-time student is a prisoner.

**96.**—(1) The part-time grants for dependants consist of the following elements—

- (a) part-time adult dependants' grant;
- (b) part-time childcare grant;
- (c) part-time parents' learning allowance.

(2) The qualifying conditions for each element are set out in regulations 97 to 104 and the amounts payable in respect of each element are determined in accordance with those regulations.

(3) A deduction may be made from any element of the part-time grants for dependants in accordance with regulations 102 and 103.

#### **Part-time adult dependants' grant**

**97.**—(1) An eligible part-time student qualifies for a part-time adult dependants' grant in connection with the eligible part-time student's attendance on a designated part-time course in accordance with this regulation.

(2) The part-time adult dependants' grant is available in respect of one dependant of an eligible part-time student who is either—

- (a) the eligible part-time student's partner; or
- (b) an adult dependant of the eligible part-time student whose net income does not exceed £3,801.

(3) The amount of part-time adult dependants' grant payable in respect of an academic year is calculated in accordance with regulations 100 and 102 to 104, the basic amount being—

- (a) £2,647; or

- (b) where the person in respect of whom the eligible part-time student is applying for part-time adult dependants' grant is ordinarily resident outside the United Kingdom, such amount not exceeding £2,647 as the Welsh Ministers consider reasonable in the circumstances.

### **Part-time childcare grant**

**98.**—(1) An eligible part-time student qualifies, in connection with the eligible part-time student's attendance on a designated part-time course, for a part-time childcare grant in accordance with this regulation.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the part-time childcare grant is available in respect of an academic year in which the eligible part-time student incurs prescribed childcare charges for—

- (a) a dependent child who is under the age of 15 immediately before the beginning of the academic year; or
- (b) a dependent child who has special educational needs within the meaning of section 312 of the Education Act 1996<sup>(64)</sup> and is under the age of 17 immediately before the beginning of the academic year.

(3) An eligible part-time student does not qualify for a grant under this regulation if the eligible part-time student or the eligible part-time student's partner has elected to receive the childcare element of the working tax credit under Part I of the Tax Credits Act 2002<sup>(65)</sup>.

(4) An eligible part-time student does not qualify for a grant under this regulation if the prescribed childcare charges that the eligible part-time student incurs are paid or to be paid by the student to the eligible part-time student's partner.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), regulation 100 and regulations 102 to 104, the basic amount of childcare grant for each week is—

- (a) for one dependent child, 85 per cent of the prescribed childcare charges, subject to a maximum amount of £161.50 per week; or
- (b) for two or more dependent children, 85 per cent of the prescribed childcare charges, subject to a maximum amount of £ 274.55 per week,

except that the eligible part-time student does not qualify for any such grant in respect of each week falling within the period between the end of the course and the end of the academic year in which the course ends.

(6) For the purposes of calculating the basic amount of part-time childcare grant—

- (a) a week runs from Monday to Sunday; and
- (b) where a week in respect of which prescribed childcare charges are incurred falls partly within and partly outside the academic year in respect of which part-time childcare grant is payable under this regulation, the maximum weekly amount of grant is calculated by multiplying the relevant maximum weekly amount in paragraph (5) by the number of days of that week falling within the academic year and dividing the product by seven.

### **Part-time parents' learning allowance**

**99.**—(1) An eligible part-time student qualifies in connection with the student's attendance on a designated part-time course for the part-time parents' learning allowance if the student has one or more dependants who are dependent children.

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<sup>(64)</sup> 1996 c. 56; section 312 was amended by the Education Act 1997 (c. 44), Schedule 7, paragraph 23, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31), section 140, paragraph 71 of Schedule 30 and Schedule 31, the Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c. 21), Schedule 9, paragraph 56 and the Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40), Schedule 1, paragraph 3, the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c. 22), section 59 and Schedule 2 and S.I. 2010/1158.

<sup>(65)</sup> 2002 c. 21 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(2) The amount of part-time parents' learning allowance payable in respect of an academic year is calculated in accordance with regulations 100 and 102 to 104, the basic amount being £1,508.

### **Part-time grants for dependants — initial calculations**

**100.**—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs and regulations 102 to 104, the amount payable in respect of a particular element of the part-time grants for dependants for which the eligible part-time student qualifies is the amount of that element remaining after applying, until it is extinguished, an amount equal to (**A** – **B**) as follows and in the following order—

- (a) to reduce the basic amount of the part-time adult dependants' grant where the eligible part-time student qualifies for that element under regulation 97;
- (b) to reduce the basic amount of the part-time childcare grant for the academic year where the eligible part-time student qualifies for that element under regulation 98; and
- (c) to reduce the basic amount of the part-time parents' learning allowance where the eligible part-time student qualifies for that element under regulation 99.

(2) In this regulation and subject to paragraph (8)—

**A** is the aggregate of the net income of each of the eligible part-time student's dependants; and  
**B** is—

- (a) £1,159 where the eligible part-time student has no dependent child;
- (b) £3,473 where the eligible part-time student is not a lone parent and has one dependent child;
- (c) £4,632 where the eligible part-time student—
  - (i) is not a lone parent and has more than one dependent child; or
  - (ii) is a lone parent and has one dependent child;
- (d) £5,797 where the eligible part-time student is a lone parent and has more than one dependent child.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (5), (6) and (13), where **B** is greater than or equal to **A**, the basic amount of each element of the part-time grants for dependants for which the eligible part-time student qualifies is payable.

(4) Where (**A** – **B**) is equal to or exceeds the aggregate of the basic amounts of the elements of the part-time grants for dependants for which the eligible part-time student qualifies, the amount payable in respect of each element is nil.

(5) The amount of the part-time adult dependants' grant calculated under paragraph (1) in respect of an adult dependant is reduced by one half where—

- (a) the eligible part-time student's partner—
  - (i) is an eligible part-time student; or
  - (ii) holds a statutory award; and
- (b) account is taken of that partner's dependants in calculating the amount of support for which that partner qualifies or the payment to which that partner is entitled under the statutory award.

(6) The amount of the part-time childcare grant calculated under paragraph (1) is reduced by one half where—

- (a) the eligible part-time student's partner—
  - (i) is an eligible part-time student; or
  - (ii) holds a statutory award; and

- (b) account is taken of that partner's dependants in calculating the amount of support for which that partner qualifies or the payment to which that partner is entitled under the statutory award.

(7) Where the amount of the part-time parents' learning allowance calculated under paragraph (1) is £0.01 or more but less than £50, the amount of part-time parents' learning allowance payable is £50.

(8) Paragraphs (9) to (12) apply where, in the course of the academic year, any of the following occurs—

- (a) there is a change in the number of the eligible part-time student's dependants;
- (b) a person becomes or ceases to be a dependant of the eligible part-time student;
- (c) the eligible part-time student becomes or ceases to be a lone parent;
- (d) a student becomes an eligible part-time student as a result of an event referred to in regulation 90(4)(a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (h) or (i).

(9) For the purposes of determining the respective values of A and B and whether part-time adult dependants' grant or part-time parents' learning allowance is payable, the Welsh Ministers must determine the following in relation to each relevant quarter by reference to the eligible part-time student's circumstances in the relevant quarter—

- (a) how many dependants the eligible part-time student is to be treated as having;
- (b) who those dependants are;
- (c) whether the eligible part-time student is to be treated as a lone parent.

(10) The amount of part-time grants for dependants for the academic year is the aggregate of the amounts of part-time adult dependants' grant and part-time parents' learning allowance calculated in respect of each relevant quarter under paragraph (11) and the amount of any part-time childcare grant for the academic year.

(11) The amount of part-time adult dependants' grant and part-time parents' learning allowance in respect of a relevant quarter is one third of what that grant or allowance would be for the academic year if the eligible part-time student's circumstances in the relevant quarter as determined under paragraph (9) applied for the duration of the academic year.

(12) In this regulation, a "relevant quarter" (*"chwarter perthnasol"*) means—

- (a) in the case of a person referred to in paragraph (8)(d), a quarter which begins after the relevant event occurs other than a quarter during which, in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, the longest of any vacation occurs;
- (b) otherwise, a quarter other than the one quarter during which, in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, the longest of any vacation occurs.

(13) A deduction may be made in accordance with regulations 102 and 103 from the amount payable in respect of a particular element of the part-time grants for dependants calculated under this Part.

### **Part-time grants for dependants — interpretation**

**101.**—(1) In regulations 93 to 96—

- (a) subject to paragraph (4), "adult dependant" (*"dibynnydd mewn oed"*) means, in relation to an eligible part-time student, an adult person dependent on the eligible part-time student other than the eligible part-time student's child, the eligible part-time student's partner (including a spouse or civil partner from whom the Welsh Ministers consider the eligible part-time student is separated) or the eligible part-time student's former partner;

- (b) “child” (“*plentyn*”) in relation to an eligible part-time student includes any child of the eligible part-time student’s partner who is dependent on the eligible part-time student and any child for whom the eligible part-time student has parental responsibility who is dependent on the eligible part-time student;
  - (c) “dependant” (“*dibynnydd*”) means, in relation to an eligible part-time student, the eligible part-time student’s partner, the eligible part-time student’s dependent child or an adult dependant, who in each case is not an eligible student and does not hold a statutory award;
  - (d) “dependent” (“*dibynnol*”) means wholly or mainly financially dependent;
  - (e) “dependent child” (“*plentyn dibynnol*”) means, in relation to an eligible part-time student, a child dependent on the eligible part-time student;
  - (f) “lone parent” (“*rhiant unigol*”) means an eligible part-time student who does not have a partner and who has a dependent child;
  - (g) “net income” (“*incwm net*”) has the meaning given in paragraph (6);
  - (h) subject to sub-paragraphs (i), (j), (k) and paragraphs (2) and (3) “partner” (“partner”) means any of the following—
    - (i) the spouse of an eligible part-time student;
    - (ii) the civil partner of an eligible part-time student;
    - (iii) a person ordinarily living with an eligible part-time student as if the person were the eligible part-time student’s spouse where an eligible part-time student is aged 25 or over on the first day of the academic year in respect of which household income falls to be assessed for the purposes of Schedule 6 and began the designated part-time course on or after 1 September 2000;
    - (iv) a person ordinarily living with an eligible part-time student as if the person were the eligible part-time student’s civil partner where an eligible part-time student is aged 25 or over on the first day of the academic year in respect of which household income falls to be assessed for the purposes of Schedule 6 and began the designated part-time course on or after 1 September 2005;
  - (i) unless otherwise indicated, a person who would otherwise be a partner under sub-paragraph (h) is not treated as a partner if—
    - (i) in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, that person and the eligible part-time student are separated; or
    - (ii) the person is ordinarily living outside the United Kingdom and is not maintained by the eligible part-time student;
  - (j) for the purposes of the definition of “adult dependant” (“*dibynnydd mewn oed*”), a person is to be treated as a partner if the person would be a partner under sub-paragraph (h) but for the fact that the eligible part-time student with whom the person is ordinarily living is not aged 25 or over on the first day of the academic year in respect of which household income falls to be assessed for the purposes of Schedule 6;
  - (k) for the purposes of the definitions of “child” (“*plentyn*”) and “lone parent” (“*rhiant unigol*”), a person is to be treated as a partner if the person would be a partner under sub-paragraph (h) but for the date on which the eligible part-time student began the specified designated part-time course or the fact that the eligible part-time student with whom the person is ordinarily living is not aged 25 or over on the first day of the academic year in respect of which household income falls to be assessed for the purposes of Schedule 6.
- (2) For the purposes of regulation 98—
- (a) paragraph (1)(i) does not apply; and

- (b) a person is to be treated as a partner if the person would be a partner under paragraph (1) (h) but for the fact that the eligible part-time student with whom the person is ordinarily living is not aged 25 or over on the first day of the academic year in respect of which household income falls to be assessed for the purposes of Schedule 6.
- (3) For the purposes of determining whether a person is the former partner of an eligible part-time student's partner, "partner" ("*partner*") in relation to an eligible part-time student's partner means—
- (a) the spouse of an eligible part-time student's partner;
  - (b) the civil partner of an eligible part-time student's partner;
  - (c) where the eligible part-time student began the specified designated part-time course on or after 1 September 2000, a person ("A") ordinarily living with an eligible part-time student's partner ("B") as if A were B's spouse;
  - (d) where the eligible part-time student began the specified designated part-time course on or after 1 September 2005, a person ("A") ordinarily living with an eligible part-time student's partner ("B") as if A were B's civil partner.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (5), for the purposes of the definitions of "adult dependant" ("*dibynnydd mewn oed*") and "dependent child" ("*plentyn dibynnol*"), the Welsh Ministers may treat an adult person or child as dependent on an eligible part-time student if they are satisfied that the adult person or child—
- (a) is not dependent on only—
    - (i) the eligible part-time student; or
    - (ii) the eligible part-time student's partner; but
  - (b) is dependent on the eligible part-time student and the eligible part-time student's partner together.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers must not treat an adult person ("A") as dependent on an eligible part-time student in accordance with paragraph (4), if A is—
- (a) the spouse or civil partner of the eligible part-time student's partner (including a spouse or civil partner from whom the Welsh Ministers consider the eligible part-time student's partner is separated); or
  - (b) the former partner of the eligible part-time student's partner.
- (6) Subject to paragraph (7), a dependant's net income is the dependant's income from all sources for the academic year in question reduced by the amount of income tax and social security contributions payable in respect of it but disregarding—
- (a) any pension, allowance or other benefit paid by reason of a disability or incapacity to which the dependant is subject;
  - (b) child benefit payable under Part IX of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992<sup>(66)</sup>;
  - (c) any financial support payable to the dependant by a local authority in accordance with regulations made under sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002<sup>(67)</sup>;
  - (d) any guardian's allowance to which the dependant is entitled under section 77 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992;

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<sup>(66)</sup> 1992 c. 4 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(67)</sup> 2002 c. 38.

- (e) in the case of a dependant with whom a child being looked after by a local authority is boarded out, any payment made to that dependant in pursuance of section 23 of the Children Act 1989<sup>(68)</sup>;
- (f) any payment made to the dependant under section 23C(5A) of the Children Act 1989;
- (g) any payments made to the dependant under section 15 of and Schedule 1 to the Children Act 1989 in respect of a person who is not the dependant's child or any assistance given by a local authority pursuant to section 24 of that Act<sup>(69)</sup>; and
- (h) any child tax credit to which the dependant is entitled under Part I of the Tax Credits Act 2002<sup>(70)</sup>.

(7) Where an eligible part-time student or the eligible part-time student's partner makes any recurrent payments which were previously made by the eligible part-time student in pursuance of an obligation incurred before the first academic year of the eligible part-time student's course, the eligible part-time student's partner's net income is the net income calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) reduced by—

- (a) an amount equal to the payments in question for the academic year, if in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, the obligation had been reasonably incurred; or
- (b) such lesser amount, if any, as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate if, in their opinion, a lesser obligation could reasonably have been incurred.

(8) For the purposes of paragraph (6), where the dependant is a dependent child and payments are made to the eligible part-time student towards the dependent child's maintenance, those payments are to be treated as the dependent child's income.

#### **Part-time grants for dependants — calculation of contribution**

**102.**—(1) An eligible part-time student's contribution in respect of an academic year and part-time dependants' grants payable in respect of that year is the amount, if any, calculated under Schedule 6.

(2) The Welsh Ministers may require an eligible part-time student to provide from time to time such information as they consider necessary as to the income of any person whose means are relevant to the assessment of the student's contribution.

#### **Part-time grants for dependants — application of contribution**

**103.**—(1) An amount equal to the contribution or the remainder of the contribution, as the case may be, calculated under Schedule 6, is to be applied until it is extinguished against the amount of the particular element of part-time grants for dependants for which the eligible part-time student qualifies as follows—

- (a) first, to reduce **PTADG**;
- (b) second, to reduce **PTCCG**;
- (c) third, to reduce **PTPLA**.

(2) In this regulation—

- (a) **PTADG** is the amount, if any, of the part-time adult dependants' grant calculated in accordance with regulation 100;

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<sup>(68)</sup> 1989 c. 41. Section 23 was amended by the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (c. 41), Schedule 16, paragraph 12, the Care Standards Act 2000 (c. 14), Schedule 4, paragraph 14, the Children Act 2004 (c. 31), section 49(3) and the Children and Young Persons Act 2008 (c. 23), section 39 and Schedule 3, paragraphs 1 and 7.

<sup>(69)</sup> There are amendments to sections 15 and 24 and Schedule 1 which are not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(70)</sup> 2002 c. 21 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.



- (b) **PTCCG** is the amount, if any, of the part-time childcare grant calculated in accordance with regulation 100;
- (c) **PTPLA** is the amount, if any, of the part-time parents' learning allowance calculated in accordance with regulation 100 (except the first £50 of the allowance).

### **Part-time grants for dependants — final calculation**

**104.**—(1) The amount payable in respect of a particular element of the part-time grants for dependants is determined in accordance with this regulation.

- (2) The amount payable varies according to the intensity of study.

The intensity of study is calculated as follows and expressed as a percentage:

$$\frac{PT}{FT} \times 100$$

where

PT and FT have the meanings given by regulation 93(2) and (3).

- (3) In the case of part-time adult dependants' grant, where the intensity of study is—
  - (a) 50 per cent or more but less than 60 per cent, the amount payable is equal to 50 per cent of the resulting amount;
  - (b) 60 per cent or more but less than 75 per cent, the amount payable is equal to 60 per cent of the resulting amount;
  - (c) 75 per cent or more, the amount payable is equal to 75 per cent of the resulting amount.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), “the resulting amount” (“*y swm sy'n deillio o hyn*”) means the amount of part-time adult dependants' grant determined in accordance with regulation 100 with deductions (if any) having been applied in accordance with regulation 103.
- (5) In the case of part-time childcare grant, where the intensity of study is—
  - (a) 50 per cent or more but less than 60 per cent, the amount payable is equal to 50 per cent of the resulting amount;
  - (b) 60 per cent or more but less than 75 per cent, the amount payable is equal to 60 per cent of the resulting amount;
  - (c) 75 per cent or more, the amount payable is equal to 75 per cent of the resulting amount.
- (6) For the purposes of paragraph (5), “the resulting amount” (“*y swm sy'n deillio o hyn*”) means the amount of part-time childcare grant determined in accordance with regulation 100 with deductions (if any) having been applied in accordance with regulation 103.
- (7) In the case of part-time parents' learning allowance, where the intensity of study is—
  - (a) 50 per cent or more, but less than 60 per cent, the amount payable is equal to 50 per cent of the resulting amount;
  - (b) 60 per cent or more but less than 75 per cent, the amount payable is equal to 60 per cent of the resulting amount;
  - (c) 75 per cent or more, the amount payable is equal to 75 per cent of the resulting amount.
- (8) For the purposes of paragraph (7), “the resulting amount” (“*y swm sy'n deillio o hyn*”) means the amount of part-time parents' learning allowance determined in accordance with regulation 100 with deductions (if any) having been applied in accordance with regulation 103.
- (9) No element of part-time grants for dependants is payable where the intensity of study is less than 50 per cent.

### **Applications for support**

**105.**—(1) A person must apply for support in connection with each academic year of a designated part-time course by completing and submitting to the Welsh Ministers an application in such form as the Welsh Ministers may require.

(2) The application must be accompanied by—

- (a) a declaration under regulation 107(2) to (6) completed by the academic authority; and
- (b) such additional documentation as the Welsh Ministers may require.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), the application must reach the Welsh Ministers within a period of six months beginning with the first day of the academic year of the course in respect of which it is submitted.

(4) Paragraph (3) does not apply where—

- (a) one of the events listed in regulation 90(4) occurs after the first day of the academic year in respect of which the applicant is applying for support under this Part, in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers within a period of six months beginning with the day on which the event occurred;
- (b) the applicant is applying for a grant for disabled part-time students' living costs, in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers as soon as is reasonably practicable; or
- (c) the Welsh Ministers consider that having regard to the circumstances of the particular case the time limit should be relaxed, in which case the application must reach the Welsh Ministers not later than such date as they specify.

(5) The Welsh Ministers may take such steps and make such inquiries as they consider necessary to determine whether the applicant is an eligible part-time student, whether the applicant qualifies for support under this Part and the amount of support payable, if any.

(6) The Welsh Ministers must notify the applicant in writing of whether or not the applicant qualifies for support under this Part and, if the applicant does qualify, the amount of support payable in respect of the academic year, if any.

### **Assistance with fees in respect of attendance on a course in England, Northern Ireland or Scotland**

**106.**—(1) The Welsh Ministers may pay support under this Part to assist with fees to an eligible part-time student in connection with the eligible part-time student's attendance on a designated part-time course in England, Northern Ireland or Scotland.

(2) The support paid under paragraph (1) must not exceed the lesser of—

- (a) the maximum amount of support that would have been payable to the eligible part-time student under regulation 93(1)(a) had the eligible part-time student been undertaking the course in Wales; and
- (b) the maximum amount of support to assist with fees that in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers would have been payable to the eligible part-time student according to whether the eligible part-time student attends the designated part-time course in England, Northern Ireland or Scotland—
  - (i) pursuant to regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 22 of the 1998 Act had the eligible part-time student been ordinarily resident in England and undertaking the part-time course in England;
  - (ii) pursuant to regulations made under Articles 3 and 8(4) of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 had the eligible part-time student been

ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland and undertaking the part-time course in Northern Ireland; or

- (iii) from funds of the Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council(71) had the eligible part-time student been ordinarily resident in Scotland and undertaking the part-time course in Scotland.

### **Information and other matters**

**107.**—(1) Schedule 3 applies in respect of the provision of information by an applicant and an eligible part-time student.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the appropriate academic authority must, on the request of the applicant, complete a declaration in such form as may be required by the Welsh Ministers to accompany the application for support under regulation 105.

(3) An academic authority is not required to complete a declaration if it is unable to give the confirmation required by sub-paragraph (4)(a)(ii) or 4(b)(ii).

(4) In this Part, “declaration” (“*datganiad*”) means—

- (a) where the applicant is applying for support in connection with the designated part-time course for the first time, a statement that—
- (i) provides the course information; and
  - (ii) confirms that the applicant has undertaken at least two weeks of the designated part-time course;
- (b) in any other case, a statement that—
- (i) provides the course information; and
  - (ii) confirms that the applicant has enrolled to undertake the academic year of the designated part-time course in respect of which the applicant is applying for support under this Part.

(5) In this regulation, “course information” (“*gwbodaeth am y cwrs*”) means—

- (a) the amount of fees being charged in respect of the academic year in respect of which the applicant is applying for support under this Part;
- (b) the intensity of study;
- (c) certification by the academic authority that it considers—
  - (i) the course to be a designated part-time course;
  - (ii) that it will be possible for the applicant to complete the course within the period specified in regulation 91(1)(c).

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (5)(c)(ii) the academic authority must have regard to—

- (a) any increase in intensity of study that would be required for the applicant to complete the course within the period specified in regulation 91(1)(c);
- (b) any parts of the course which the applicant has been required to repeat.

### **Transfer of status**

**108.**—(1) Where an eligible part-time student transfers from a designated part-time course to another designated part-time course, the Welsh Ministers must transfer the student’s status as an eligible part-time student to that other course where—

- (a) they receive a request from the eligible part-time student to do so;

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(71) This body was established under section 1 of the [Further and Higher Education \(Scotland\) Act 2005](#) (asp 6).

- (b) they are satisfied that one or more of the grounds for transfer in paragraph (2) applies; and
- (c) the period of eligibility has not terminated.

(2) The grounds for transfer are—

- (a) the eligible part-time student starts to undertake another designated part-time course at the same institution;
- (b) the eligible part-time student starts to undertake a designated part-time course at another institution; or
- (c) after commencing a designated part-time course for a first degree (other than an honours degree) the eligible part-time student is, before the completion of that course, admitted to a designated part-time course for an honours degree in the same subject at the same institution.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), an eligible part-time student who transfers under paragraph (1) is entitled, for the remainder of the academic year in which the eligible part-time student transfers, to continue to receive in connection with the course to which the eligible part-time student transfers the support under this Part for which the Welsh Ministers have determined the eligible part-time student qualifies in respect of the course from which the eligible part-time student transfers.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may re-assess the amount of support payable after the transfer in accordance with this Part.

(5) An eligible part-time student who transfers under paragraph (1) after the Welsh Ministers have determined the eligible part-time student's support under this Part in connection with the academic year of the course from which the eligible part-time student is transferring but before the eligible part-time student completes that year may not apply for another grant under regulation 93(1)(b), regulation 94 or regulations 95 to 104 in connection with the academic year of the course to which the eligible part-time student transfers.

(6) Where an eligible part-time student transfers under paragraph (1), the maximum amount of support under regulation 93(1)(a) in respect of the academic years to and from which the eligible part-time student transfers is the amount of support with fees available in connection with the course which has the highest intensity of study as defined in regulation 93.

### **Conversion of status**

**109.**—(1) Where an eligible student ceases to undertake a designated course and transfers to a designated part-time course at the same or at another institution, the Welsh Ministers must convert the student's status as an eligible student to that of an eligible part-time student in connection with the course to which the eligible student is transferring where—

- (a) they receive a request from the eligible student to do so; and
- (b) the period of eligibility has not terminated.

(2) Where, before completing the designated course, the eligible student transfers to a part-time course in the same subject leading to the same qualification at the same institution, the part-time course is treated as satisfying regulation 91(1)(b) and (c) if the period of part-time study to be undertaken by that student is of at least one academic year's duration and does not exceed twice the period normally required to complete the remainder of the designated course from which that student transfers.

(3) The following applies to an eligible student who transfers under paragraph (1)—

- (a) where the Welsh Ministers have determined to pay an amount of grant to that student under regulation 26 in periodic instalments, no payment in respect of that amount of grant may be made in respect of any instalment period beginning after the date on which that student became an eligible part-time student;

- (b) the maximum amount of grant to which that student would, apart from this regulation, be entitled pursuant to regulation 94 in connection with that student undertaking a designated part-time course in respect of that academic year is reduced by one third where that student became an eligible part-time student during the second quarter of the academic year and by two thirds where that student became an eligible part-time student in a later quarter of that year;
  - (c) where an amount of grant for any purpose has been paid to the student under regulation 26 in a single instalment, the maximum amount of grant payable to that student pursuant to regulation 94 for that purpose is reduced (or, where sub-paragraph (b) applies, further reduced) by the amount of grant paid to that student for that purpose pursuant to regulation 26, and where the resulting amount is nil or a negative amount that amount is nil;
  - (d) where immediately before that student became an eligible part-time student that student was eligible to apply, but had not applied, for a loan for living costs in respect of that year, or had not applied for the maximum amount or increased maximum for which that student was entitled, that student may apply for such a loan or such additional amount of loan as if that student had continued to be an eligible student and in the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (4) the maximum or increased maximum amount of such loan for the academic year is reduced in accordance with that paragraph;
  - (e) where the Welsh Ministers have determined to pay an amount of grant or allowance to that student under regulations 28 to 31 in periodic instalments, no payment in respect of that amount may be made in respect of any instalment period beginning after the date on which that student becomes an eligible part-time student;
  - (f) the maximum amount of part-time grants for dependants to which that student would, apart from this regulation, be entitled pursuant to regulations 95 to 104 in connection with that student undertaking a designated part-time course in respect of that academic year is reduced by one third where that student became an eligible part-time student during the second quarter of the academic year and by two thirds where that student became an eligible part-time student in a later quarter of that year; and
  - (g) where an amount of grant or allowance has been paid to that student under regulations 28 to 31 in a single instalment, the maximum amount of grant or allowance payable to that student pursuant to regulations 95 to 104 is reduced (or where sub-paragraph (f) applies, further reduced) by the amount of analogous grant or allowance paid to that student pursuant to regulations 28 to 31, and where the resulting amount is nil or a negative amount that amount is nil.
- (4) Where the request under paragraph (1) is made during the first quarter of the academic year in respect of which the loan is payable the maximum amount or increased maximum amount of loan (as the case may be) is reduced by two thirds and where the request is made during the second quarter of that year that amount is reduced by one third.
- (5) Where an eligible distance learning student ceases to undertake a designated distance learning course and transfers to a designated part-time course at the same or at another institution, the Welsh Ministers must convert that student's status as an eligible distance learning student to that of an eligible part-time student in connection with the course to which the eligible distance learning student is transferring where—
- (a) they receive a request from the eligible distance learning student to do so; and
  - (b) the period of eligibility has not terminated.
- (6) Where, before completing the designated distance learning course the eligible distance learning student transfers to a part-time course in the same subject leading to the same qualification at the same institution, the part-time course is to be treated as satisfying regulation 91(1)(b) and (c) if the period of part-time study to be undertaken by that student is of at least one academic year's

duration and does not exceed twice the period ordinarily required to complete the remainder of the designated distance learning course from which that student transfers.

(7) Subject to paragraph (8), an eligible distance learning student who transfers under paragraph (5) is entitled to receive in connection with the academic year of the course to which that student transfers the remainder of the support for which the Welsh Ministers have determined that student qualifies under Part 11 in respect of the academic year of the designated distance learning course from which that student transfers.

(8) The Welsh Ministers may re-assess the amount of support payable after the transfer in accordance with this Part.

(9) A student who transfers under paragraph (5) after the Welsh Ministers have determined that student's support under Part 11 in connection with the academic year of the distance learning course from which that student is transferring but before that student completes that year—

- (a) may not apply for a grant under regulation 93(1)(b) if that student has already applied for a grant under regulation 76(1)(b);
- (b) may not apply for a grant under regulation 94 if that student has already applied for a grant under regulation 79.

(10) Where a student transfers under paragraph (5), the total amount of support paid to that student under regulation 76(1)(a) and 93(1)(a) in respect of—

- (a) the academic year from which that student transfers; and
- (b) the academic year to which that student transfers;

must not exceed the amount of support determined to be payable to that student under regulation 76(1) (a).

(11) Where a student transfers under paragraph (5), the maximum amount of part-time grants for dependants to which that student would, apart from this regulation, be entitled pursuant to regulations 95 to 104 in connection with that student undertaking a designated part-time course in respect of that academic year is reduced by one third where that student became an eligible part-time student during the second quarter of the academic year and by two thirds where that student became an eligible part-time student in a later quarter of that year.

(12) Where an eligible part-time student ceases to undertake a designated part-time course and transfers to a designated course at the same or at another institution, the Welsh Ministers must convert that student's status as an eligible part-time student to that of an eligible student in connection with the course to which the eligible part-time student is transferring where—

- (a) they receive a request from the eligible part-time student to do so; and
- (b) the period of eligibility has not terminated.

(13) The following applies to a student who transfers under paragraph (12)—

- (a) where the Welsh Ministers have determined to pay an amount of grant to that student pursuant to regulation 94 in periodic instalments no payment in respect of that amount of grant may be made in respect of any instalment period beginning after the date on which that student became an eligible student;
- (b) subject to sub-paragraphs (c) and (f), any support to which that student is entitled under this Part in respect of the academic year in which that student transfers is ignored in determining the amount of support to which that student may be entitled in respect of that year under Parts 4 to 6;
- (c) where the Welsh Ministers have determined to pay an amount of any grant or allowance to that student pursuant to regulations 95 to 104 in periodic instalments, no payment in respect of that amount may be made in respect of any instalment period beginning after the date on which that student becomes an eligible student;

- (d) the maximum amount of any support under Parts 5 or 6 to which that student would, apart from this regulation, be entitled in connection with a designated course in respect of that academic year is reduced by one third where that student became an eligible student during the second quarter of that academic year and by two thirds where that student became an eligible student in a later quarter of that year;
  - (e) where an amount of grant for any purpose has been paid to that student pursuant to regulation 94 in a single instalment, the maximum amount of grant payable to that student under regulation 26 for that purpose is reduced (or, where sub-paragraph (d) applies, further reduced) by the amount of grant paid to that student for that purpose pursuant to regulation 94 and where the resulting amount is nil or a negative amount that amount is nil; and
  - (f) where an amount of grant or allowance has been paid to that student pursuant to regulations 95 to 104 in a single instalment the maximum amount of the analogous grant or allowance payable to that student pursuant to regulations 28 to 31 is reduced (or where sub-paragraph (d) applies, further reduced) by the amount of grant or allowance paid to that student pursuant to regulations 95 to 104 and where the resulting amount is nil or a negative amount that amount is nil.
- (14) Where an eligible part-time student ceases to undertake a designated part-time course and transfers to a designated distance learning course at the same or at another institution, the Welsh Ministers must convert that student's status as an eligible part-time student to that of an eligible distance learning student in connection with the course to which the eligible part-time student is transferring where—
- (a) they receive a request from the eligible part-time student to do so; and
  - (b) the period of eligibility has not terminated.
- (15) Subject to paragraph (16), a student who transfers under paragraph (14) is entitled to receive in connection with the academic year of the course to which the student transfers the remainder of the support for which the Welsh Ministers have determined the student qualifies under this Part in respect of the academic year of the designated part-time course from which the student transfers.
- (16) The Welsh Ministers may re-assess the amount of support payable after the transfer in accordance with Part 11.
- (17) An eligible student who transfers under paragraph (14) after the Welsh Ministers have determined that student's support in connection with the academic year of the distance learning course from which that student is transferring but before that student completes that year—
- (a) may not apply for a grant under regulation 76(1)(b) if that student has already applied for a grant under regulation 93(1)(b);
  - (b) may not apply for a grant under regulation 79 if that student has already applied for a grant under regulation 94.
- (18) Where a student transfers under paragraph (14), the total amount of support paid to that student under regulations 76(1)(a) and 93(1)(a) in respect of—
- (a) the academic year from which that student transfers; and
  - (b) the academic year to which that student transfers;
- must not exceed the maximum amount of support determined to be payable to that student under regulation 76(1)(a).

### **Payment of support to eligible part-time students**

**110.—(1)** Payments of the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs may be made in such manner as the Welsh Ministers consider

appropriate and they may make it a condition of entitlement to payment that the eligible part-time student must provide them with particulars of a bank or building society account in the United Kingdom into which payments may be made by electronic transfer.

(2) Where the Welsh Ministers cannot make a final assessment on the basis of the information provided by the student, they may make a provisional assessment and payment of the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs.

(3) The Welsh Ministers may pay the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs in instalments or in a single lump sum.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), the Welsh Ministers may pay the grant for books, travel and other expenditure and the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs at such times as they consider appropriate.

(5) The Welsh Ministers must not pay the first instalment or, where it has been determined not to pay support in instalments, make any payment of the grant for books, travel and other expenditure or the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs under regulation 94 before they have received the declaration under regulation 107(2) to (6) unless an exception referred to in paragraph (6) applies.

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (5), an exception applies if—

- (a) a grant for disabled part-time students' living costs under regulation 94 is payable in which case that particular grant may be paid before the Welsh Ministers have received a declaration;
- (b) the Welsh Ministers have determined that owing to exceptional circumstances it would be appropriate to make a payment without receiving a declaration.

**111.**—(1) Subject to the following paragraphs, the Welsh Ministers may pay part-time grants for dependants in such instalments (if any) and at such times as they consider appropriate.

(2) An academic authority is required to send an attendance confirmation to the Welsh Ministers.

(3) The Welsh Ministers must not pay the first instalment or, where it has been determined not to pay a part-time grant for dependants by instalments, make any payment of such a grant to an eligible part-time student before they have received an attendance confirmation unless the exception in paragraph (4) applies.

(4) The exception referred to in paragraph (3) applies if the Welsh Ministers have determined that owing to exceptional circumstances it would be appropriate to make a payment without receiving an attendance confirmation.

(5) Where a final assessment cannot be made on the basis of the information provided by the eligible part-time student, the Welsh Ministers may make a provisional assessment and payment of part-time grants for dependants.

(6) Payments of a part-time grant for dependants are to be made in such manner as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate and they may make it a condition of entitlement to payment that the eligible part-time student must provide them with particulars of a bank or building society account in the United Kingdom into which payments may be made by electronic transfer.

(7) No support by way of part-time grants for dependants is payable in respect of any payment period beginning after an eligible part-time student's period of eligibility terminates.

(8) Where an eligible part-time student's period of eligibility terminates on or after the relevant date, the Welsh Ministers must determine—

- (a) the amount of each part-time grant for dependants for which that student qualifies that would be payable in respect of the relevant payment period if the eligible part-time student's period of eligibility had not terminated (the "full amount"); and



(b) how much of the full amount is payable in respect of the period which runs from the first day of the relevant payment period up to and including the day on which the eligible part-time student's period of eligibility terminated (the "partial amount").

(9) In this regulation, the "relevant date" ("*y dyddiad perthnasol*") is the date on which the first term of the academic year in question actually begins.

(10) If the Welsh Ministers have made a payment of a part-time grant for dependants in respect of the relevant payment period before the point in that period at which the eligible part-time student's period of eligibility terminated and that payment exceeds the partial amount of that grant—

- (a) they may treat the excess as an overpayment of that grant; or
- (b) if they consider that it is appropriate to do so they may extend that student's period of eligibility in respect of that part-time grant for dependants until the end of the relevant payment period and determine that the full amount of the grant is payable in respect of that payment period.

(11) If a payment of a part-time grant for dependants in respect of the relevant payment period is due to be made or is made after the eligible part-time student's period of eligibility has terminated, the amount of that part-time grant for dependants payable is the partial amount unless the Welsh Ministers consider it appropriate to extend the period of eligibility in respect of that grant until the end of the relevant payment period and to determine that the full amount of that grant is payable in respect of that relevant payment period.

(12) No support by way of part-time grants for dependants is payable in respect of a payment period during any part of which an eligible part-time student is absent from that student's course, unless in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers it would be appropriate in all the circumstances for support to be paid in respect of the period of absence.

(13) In deciding whether support is payable under paragraph (12) the circumstances to which the Welsh Ministers must have regard include the reason for the student's absence, the length of the absence and the financial hardship which not paying the support would cause.

(14) An eligible part-time student is not to be considered absent from the eligible part-time student's course if the eligible part-time student is unable to attend due to illness and the eligible part-time student's absence has not exceeded 60 days.

(15) Where, after the Welsh Ministers have made any payment of support by way of a part-time grant for dependants, they make a determination of the amount of such a grant for which the eligible part-time student qualifies either for the first time or by way of a revision of a provisional or other determination of that amount—

- (a) if the determination increases the amount of that grant for which the eligible part-time student qualifies they must pay the additional amount and may do so in such instalments (if any) and at such times as they consider appropriate;
- (b) if the determination decreases the amount of that grant for which the eligible part-time student qualifies they must subtract the amount of the decrease from the amount of that grant which remains to be paid;
- (c) if the amount of the decrease is greater than the amount of that grant remaining to be paid the latter amount is reduced to nil and the balance subtracted from any other element of part-time grants for dependants for which the eligible part-time student qualifies in respect of the academic year;
- (d) any remaining overpayment is recoverable in accordance with regulation 114.

## **Interpretation of regulation 111**

**112.** In regulation 111—

- (a) “attendance confirmation” (“*cadarnhad o bresenoldeb*”) means confirmation in writing from the academic authority—
- (i) that the eligible part-time student has enrolled for the academic year where the eligible part-time student—
    - (aa) is applying for one or more elements of the part-time grants for dependants (“part-time support” in this regulation) in connection with a designated part-time course for the first time;
    - (bb) has a disability; and
    - (cc) is undertaking the course but not attending (regardless of whether the reason for not attending relates to the student’s disability);
  - (ii) that the eligible part-time student has been present at the institution and begun to attend the course where—
    - (aa) the student is applying for part-time support in connection with a designated part-time course for the first time;
    - (bb) the student’s status as an eligible part-time student has not been transferred to the designated part-time course from another course at the same institution; and
    - (cc) sub-paragraph (i)(cc) does not apply;
  - (iii) that the eligible part-time student has enrolled for the academic year where the eligible part-time student is applying for part-time support in connection with a designated part-time course—
    - (aa) other than for the first time; or
    - (bb) for the first time after the student’s status as an eligible part-time student has been transferred to that course from another course at the same institution;
- (b) “payment period” (“*cyfnod talu*”) means a period in respect of which the Welsh Ministers pay the support under regulations 95 to 104 or would have paid such support if the eligible part-time student’s period of eligibility had not terminated.

### **Payment of grants for fees**

**113.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Welsh Ministers must pay the grant in respect of fees for which the eligible part-time student qualifies to the appropriate academic authority after a written request for payment has been received which the Welsh Ministers consider to be a valid request.

(2) The Welsh Ministers may make payments under paragraph (1) at such times and in such instalments (if any) as they see fit.

(3) The Welsh Ministers may make provisional payments under paragraph (1) in such cases as they deem appropriate.

### **Overpayments**

**114.**—(1) Any overpayment of a grant in respect of fees is recoverable by the Welsh Ministers from the academic authority.

(2) An eligible part-time student must, if so required by the Welsh Ministers, repay any amount paid to the eligible part-time student under this Part which for whatever reason exceeds the amount of grant to which the eligible part-time student is entitled under this Part.

(3) The Welsh Ministers must recover an overpayment of grant for books, travel and other expenditure, the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs and a part-time grant for dependants unless they consider that it is not appropriate to do so.

(4) The methods of recovery are—

(a) subtracting the overpayment from any kind of grant payable to the eligible part-time student from time to time pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;

(b) taking such other action for the recovery of an overpayment as is available to them.

(5) A payment of the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs or a part-time grant for dependants made before the relevant date is an overpayment if the eligible part-time student withdraws from the course before the relevant date unless the Welsh Ministers decide otherwise.

(6) In this regulation, the “relevant date” (“*dyddiad perthnasol*”) is the date on which the first term of the academic year in question actually begins.

(7) In the circumstances in paragraph (8) or (9), there is an overpayment of the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs unless the Welsh Ministers decide otherwise.

(8) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (7) are—

(a) the Welsh Ministers apply all or part of the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs to the purchase of specialist equipment on behalf of the eligible part-time student;

(b) the student’s period of eligibility terminates after the relevant date; and

(c) the equipment has not been delivered to the student before the student’s period of eligibility terminates.

(9) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (7) are—

(a) the eligible part-time student’s period of eligibility terminates after the relevant date; and

(b) a payment of the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs in respect of specialist equipment is made to the student after the eligible part-time student’s period of eligibility terminates.

(10) Where there is an overpayment of the grant for disabled part-time students' living costs, the Welsh Ministers may accept the return of specialist equipment purchased with the grant by way of recovery of all or part of the overpayment if they consider it is appropriate to do so.

## **PART 13**

### **SUPPORT FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

#### **Eligible postgraduate students**

**115.**—(1) An eligible postgraduate student qualifies, subject to and in accordance with this Part, for a grant to assist with the additional expenditure which the Welsh Ministers are satisfied the eligible postgraduate student is obliged to incur by reason of a disability to which the eligible postgraduate student is subject in respect of the eligible postgraduate student undertaking a designated postgraduate course.

(2) A person is an eligible postgraduate student in connection with a designated postgraduate course if that person satisfies the conditions in paragraph (3) and is not excluded by paragraph (4).

(3) The conditions referred to in paragraph (2) are—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers, in assessing a person’s application for support under regulation 120, have determined in connection with the designated postgraduate course that the person falls within one of the categories set out in Part 2 of Schedule 1; and
  - (b) the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that, by reason of a disability to which the person is subject, the person will be obliged to incur additional expenditure in respect of undertaking the course.
- (4) Subject to paragraph (9), a person (“A” in this paragraph) is not an eligible postgraduate student if—
- (a) there has been bestowed on or paid to A in relation to A undertaking the course—
    - (i) a healthcare bursary;
    - (ii) any allowance under the Nursing and Midwifery Student Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 2007;
    - (iii) any allowance, bursary or award of similar description made by a Research Council;
    - (iv) any allowance, bursary or award of similar description made by A’s institution which includes any payment for the purpose of meeting additional expenditure incurred by A by reason of A’s disability; or
    - (v) any allowance, bursary or award of similar description made under section 67(4)(a) of the Care Standards Act 2000(72) which includes payment for meeting additional expenditure incurred by A by reason of A’s disability; or
  - (b) A is in breach of an obligation to repay any loan;
  - (c) A has reached the age of 18 and has not ratified any agreement for a loan made with A when A was under the age of 18;
  - (d) A has, in the opinion of the Welsh Ministers, shown by A’s conduct that A is unfitted to receive support under this Part.
- (5) For the purposes of paragraphs (4)(b) and (4)(c), “loan” (“*benthyciad*”) means a loan made under the student loans legislation.
- (6) In a case where the agreement for a loan is subject to the law of Scotland, paragraph (4)(c) only applies if the agreement was made—
- (a) before the 25 September 1991; and
  - (b) with the concurrence of the borrower’s curator or at a time when the borrower had no curator.
- (7) An eligible postgraduate student does not qualify for a grant under this Part if the only paragraph in Part 2 of Schedule 1 into which the eligible postgraduate student falls is paragraph 9.
- (8) Save where the circumstances described in regulation 122(3)(c)(ii) apply such that an eligible postgraduate student undertakes part of that student’s course overseas, an eligible postgraduate student does not qualify for a grant under this Part unless the eligible postgraduate student is undertaking the course in the United Kingdom.
- (9) Subject to paragraphs (11) to (13) and despite paragraphs (3)(a) and (4), a person is an eligible postgraduate student for the purposes of this Part if the person satisfies the conditions in paragraph (3) (b) and paragraph (10)(a) or (b).
- (10) The conditions referred to in paragraph (9) are—
- (a) the—

- (i) person qualified as an eligible postgraduate student in connection with an earlier academic year of the present postgraduate course pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (ii) person was ordinarily resident in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of the present postgraduate course; and
  - (iii) person's status as an eligible postgraduate student has not terminated;
- (b) the—
- (i) Welsh Ministers have previously determined that the person is an eligible postgraduate student in connection with a designated postgraduate course other than the present postgraduate course;
  - (ii) person's status as an eligible postgraduate student in connection with the course in sub-paragraph (b)(i) has been transferred from that course to the present course as a result of one or more transfers in accordance with regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (iii) person was ordinarily resident in Wales on the first day of the first academic year of the course referred to in sub-paragraph (b)(i); and
  - (iv) person's status as an eligible postgraduate student has not terminated.
- (11) Where—
- (a) the Welsh Ministers have determined that, by virtue of being a refugee or the spouse, civil partner, child or step-child of a refugee, a person ("A" in this paragraph) was an eligible postgraduate student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the present postgraduate course or an application in connection with another designated postgraduate course from which A's status as an eligible postgraduate student has been transferred to the present postgraduate course; and
  - (b) as at the day before the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support starts, the refugee status of A or of A's spouse, civil partner, parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) or step-parent has expired and no further leave to remain has been granted and no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002),

A's status as an eligible postgraduate student terminates immediately before the first day of the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support.

- (12) Where—
- (a) the Welsh Ministers have determined that, by virtue of being a refugee or the spouse, civil partner, child or step-child of a refugee, a person ("A" in this paragraph) was an eligible postgraduate student in connection with an application for support for an earlier year of the present postgraduate course or an application in connection with another designated postgraduate course from which A's status as an eligible postgraduate student has been transferred to the present postgraduate course; and
  - (b) as at the day before the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support, the period for which the person with leave to enter or remain is allowed to stay in the United Kingdom has expired and no further leave to remain has been granted and no appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002),

A's status as an eligible postgraduate student terminates immediately before the first day of the academic year in respect of which A is applying for support.

(13) Paragraphs (11) and (12) do not apply where the student began the course in connection with which the Welsh Ministers determined that the student was an eligible postgraduate student before 1 September 2007.

- (14) An eligible postgraduate student does not, at any one time, qualify for support for—
- (a) more than one designated postgraduate course;
  - (b) a designated postgraduate course and a designated distance learning course;
  - (c) a designated postgraduate course and a designated course;
  - (d) a designated postgraduate course and a designated part-time course.

### **Students becoming eligible during the course of the academic year**

**116.**—(1) Where one of the events listed in paragraph (2) occurs in the course of an academic year—

- (a) a student may qualify for a grant under this Part in respect of that academic year in accordance with this Part; and
  - (b) a grant of the kind available under this Part is not available in respect of any academic year beginning before the academic year in which the relevant event occurred.
- (2) The events are—
- (a) the student's course becomes a designated postgraduate course;
  - (b) the student, or the student's spouse, civil partner or parent (as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 1) is recognised as a refugee or becomes a person with leave to enter or remain;
  - (c) the state of which the student is a national accedes to the European Union where the student has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three-year period immediately preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course;
  - (d) the student acquires the right of permanent residence;
  - (e) the student becomes a child of a Turkish worker;
  - (f) the student becomes a person described in paragraph 6(1)(a) of Part 2 of Schedule 1; or
  - (g) the student becomes the child of a Swiss national.

### **Designated postgraduate courses**

**117.**—(1) A postgraduate course is designated for the purposes of section 22(1) of the 1998 Act and regulation 115 if—

- (a) it is a course entry for which a first degree (or equivalent qualification) or higher is normally required;
- (b) it is a course—
  - (i) of at least one academic year's duration; and
  - (ii) in the case of a part-time course, it is ordinarily possible to complete the course in not more than twice the period ordinarily required to complete the full time equivalent;
- (c) it is wholly provided by a publicly funded educational institution in the United Kingdom or is provided by such an institution in conjunction with an institution outside the United Kingdom; and
- (d) it is not a course for the initial training of teachers or a course taken as part of an employment based teacher training scheme.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)—

- (a) a course is provided by an institution if it provides the teaching and supervision which comprise the course, whether or not it has entered an agreement with the student to provide the course;
  - (b) a university and any constituent college or institution in the nature of a college of a university is regarded as publicly funded if either the university or the constituent college or institution is publicly funded; and
  - (c) an institution is not regarded as publicly funded by reason only that it receives public funds from the governing body of a higher education institution in accordance with section 65(3A) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992(73).
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(ii)—
- (a) “full-time equivalent” (“*cwrs amser-llawn cyfatebol*”) means a full-time course leading to the same qualification as the part-time course in question;
  - (b) “period ordinarily required to complete the full-time equivalent” (“*cyfnod y mae ei angen fel arfer i gwblhau'r cwrs amser-llawn cyfatebol*”) means the period in which a standard full-time student would complete the full-time equivalent;
  - (c) “standard full-time student” (“*myfyriwr amser-llawn safonol*”) means a student who is to be taken—
    - (i) to have started the full-time equivalent on the same date as the eligible part-time student started the part-time course in question;
    - (ii) not to have been excused any part of the full-time equivalent;
    - (iii) not to have repeated any part of the full-time equivalent; and
    - (iv) not to have been absent from the full-time equivalent other than during vacations.
- (4) For the purposes of section 22 of the 1998 Act and regulation 115, the Welsh Ministers may designate courses of higher education which are not designated under paragraph (1).

### **Period of eligibility**

**118.**—(1) A student’s status as an eligible postgraduate student is retained in connection with a designated postgraduate course until that status is terminated in accordance with this regulation or regulation 115.

(2) The period for which an eligible postgraduate student retains the status referred to in paragraph (1) is the “period of eligibility” (“*cyfnod cymhwysra*”).

(3) Subject to the following paragraphs and regulation 115, the period of eligibility terminates at the end of the period ordinarily required for completion of the designated postgraduate course.

(4) The period of eligibility terminates when the eligible postgraduate student (“A” in this paragraph and paragraph (5))—

- (a) withdraws from A’s designated postgraduate course in circumstances where the Welsh Ministers have not transferred or will not transfer A’s status as an eligible postgraduate student to another course under regulation 119; or
- (b) abandons or is expelled from A’s designated postgraduate course.

(5) The Welsh Ministers may terminate the period of eligibility where A has shown by A’s conduct that A is unfitted to receive support under this Part.

(6) Where the eligible postgraduate student is undertaking a designated postgraduate course that is a part-time course, the period of eligibility terminates at the end of the academic year during or at

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(73) 1992 c. 13; section 65(3A) was inserted by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), section 27.

the end of which it becomes impossible for the eligible postgraduate student to complete the course within the period specified in regulation 117(1)(b)(ii).

(7) If the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that an eligible postgraduate student has failed to comply with any requirement to provide information under this Part or has provided information which is inaccurate in a material particular, the Welsh Ministers may take such of the following actions as they consider appropriate in the circumstances—

- (a) terminate the period of eligibility;
- (b) determine that the student no longer qualifies for a grant or any particular amount of grant under this Part;
- (c) treat any support paid to the student as an overpayment which may be recovered under regulation 124.

(8) Where the period of eligibility terminates on or before the expiry of the period ordinarily required for the completion of the designated postgraduate course, the Welsh Ministers may, at any time, renew the period of eligibility for such periods as they determine.

### **Transfer of status**

**119.**—(1) Where an eligible postgraduate student transfers from a designated postgraduate course to another designated postgraduate course, the Welsh Ministers must transfer the student's status as an eligible postgraduate student to that other course where—

- (a) they receive a request from the eligible postgraduate student to do so;
  - (b) they are satisfied that one or more of the grounds for transfer in paragraph (2) applies; and
  - (c) the period of eligibility has not terminated.
- (2) The grounds for transfer are—
- (a) on the recommendation of the academic authority the eligible postgraduate student starts to undertake another designated postgraduate course at the same institution; or
  - (b) the eligible postgraduate student starts to undertake a designated postgraduate course at another institution.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), an eligible postgraduate student who transfers under paragraph (1) is entitled to receive in connection with the academic year of the course to which the eligible postgraduate student transfers the remainder of the support under this Part for which the Welsh Ministers have determined the eligible postgraduate student qualifies in respect of the academic year of the course from which the eligible postgraduate student transfers.

(4) The Welsh Ministers may re-assess the support after the transfer in accordance with this Part.

(5) An eligible postgraduate student who transfers under paragraph (1) after the Welsh Ministers have determined the eligible postgraduate student's support under this Part in connection with the academic year of the course from which the eligible postgraduate student is transferring but before the eligible postgraduate student completes that year may not apply for another grant under this Part in connection with the academic year of the course to which the eligible postgraduate student transfers.

### **Applications for support**

**120.**—(1) A person must apply for a grant under this Part in connection with each academic year of a designated postgraduate course by completing and submitting to the Welsh Ministers an application in such form and accompanied by such documentation as the Welsh Ministers may require.

(2) The application must reach the Welsh Ministers as soon as is reasonably practicable.



(3) The Welsh Ministers may take such steps and make such inquiries as they consider necessary to determine whether the applicant is an eligible postgraduate student, whether the applicant qualifies for a grant and the amount of grant payable, if any.

(4) The Welsh Ministers must notify the applicant—

- (a) whether the applicant qualifies for a grant;
- (b) if the applicant does qualify, the amount payable in respect of the academic year, if any; and
- (c) how that amount is allocated between the types of eligible expenditure.

### **Information**

**121.** Schedule 3 applies in respect of the provision of information by an applicant and an eligible postgraduate student.

### **Amount of grant**

**122.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the grant payable to an eligible postgraduate student under this Part is such amount as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate to assist with one or more types of eligible expenditure.

(2) The grant must not exceed £10,260 in respect of an academic year.

(3) For the purposes of this Part, the “types of eligible expenditure” are—

- (a) expenditure on a non-medical helper;
- (b) expenditure on major items of specialist equipment; and
- (c) additional expenditure incurred—
  - (i) within the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending the institution;
  - (ii) within or outside the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending, as part of the course, any period of study at an overseas institution or for the purposes of attending the Institute.

### **Payment of grant**

**123.**—(1) The Welsh Ministers may pay a grant for which an eligible postgraduate student qualifies under this Part in such instalments (if any) and at such times as they consider appropriate and in the exercise of their functions under this Part they may make provisional payments pending the final calculation of the amount of grant for which the student qualifies.

(2) Payments may be made in such manner as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate and they may make it a condition of entitlement to payment that the eligible postgraduate student must provide them with particulars of a bank or building society account in the United Kingdom into which payments may be made by electronic transfer.

### **Overpayments**

**124.**—(1) An eligible postgraduate student must, if so required by the Welsh Ministers, repay any amount paid to the eligible postgraduate student under this Part which for whatever reason exceeds the amount of grant to which the eligible postgraduate student is entitled under this Part.

(2) The Welsh Ministers must recover an overpayment of grant under this Part unless they consider it is not appropriate to do so.

(3) The methods of recovery are—

- (a) subtracting the overpayment from any kind of grant payable to the eligible postgraduate student from time to time pursuant to regulations made by the Welsh Ministers under section 22 of the 1998 Act;
  - (b) taking such other action for the recovery of an overpayment as is available to them.
- (4) A payment of grant under this Part made before the relevant date is an overpayment if the eligible postgraduate student withdraws from the course before the relevant date unless the Welsh Ministers decide otherwise.
- (5) In this regulation, the “relevant date” (“*dyddiad perthnasol*”) is the date on which the first term of the academic year in question actually begins.
- (6) In the circumstances in paragraphs (7) and (8), there is an overpayment of grant under this Part unless the Welsh Ministers decide otherwise.
- (7) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (6) are—
- (a) the Welsh Ministers apply all or part of the grant under this Part to the purchase of specialist equipment on behalf of the eligible postgraduate student;
  - (b) the student’s period of eligibility terminates after the relevant date; and
  - (c) the equipment has not been delivered to the student before the student’s period of eligibility terminates.
- (8) The circumstances referred to in paragraph (6) are—
- (a) the eligible postgraduate student’s period of eligibility terminates; and
  - (b) a payment of grant under this Part in respect of specialist equipment is made to the student after the student’s period of eligibility terminated.
- (9) Where there is an overpayment of the grant under this Part, the Welsh Ministers may accept the return of specialist equipment purchased with the grant by way of recovery of all or part of the overpayment if they consider it is appropriate to do so.

## PART 14

### AMENDMENT OF THE 2011 REGULATIONS

#### Amendment of the 2011 Regulations

- 125.**—(1) The 2011 Regulations are amended in accordance with the following paragraphs.
- (2) In regulation 25(5) for “£1,293” substitute “£1,296”.
  - (3) In regulation 38(1) for “2010” substitute “new”.
  - (4) In regulation 63(5) for “£1,310” substitute “£1,345”.
  - (5) In regulation 75(1)(b) for “£1,095” substitute “£1,125”.
  - (6) In regulation 76(1)(g) for “£1,995” substitute “£1,939”.
  - (7) In regulation 76(2)(a) for “£9.79” substitute “£9.52”.
  - (8) In regulation 76(2)(b) for “£975” substitute “£1,000”.
  - (9) In regulation 92(1)(b) for “£1,095” substitute “£1,125”.
  - (10) In regulation 92(5)(g) for “£1,995” substitute “£1,939”.
  - (11) In regulation 92(6)(a)—
    - (a) for “£15.58” substitute “£15.03”;
    - (b) for “£12.60” substitute “£12.24”; and

(c) for “£9.79” substitute “£9.52”.

(12) In regulation 93(3)(d) for “£1,293” substitute “£1,296”.

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