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EDUCATION, ENGLAND

The Higher Education (Basic Amount) (England) Regulations 2016

Made - - - - 13th December 2016

Laid before Parliament 15th December 2016

Coming into force - - 6th January 2017

The Secretary of State for Education makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24(6) and 47 of the Higher Education Act 2004(a).

In accordance with section 26(2)(a)(i) of that Act, the Secretary of State is satisfied that the increase to the basic amounts is no greater than is required to maintain the value of that amount in real terms.

In accordance with section 26(3) of that Act, the Secretary of State has had regard to the index of prices specified in Regulations made under that subsection(**b**).

Citation, commencement and application

- **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Higher Education (Basic Amount) (England) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 6th January 2017.
 - **2.** These Regulations apply in relation to England.

Interpretation

- 3. In these Regulations—
 - "the 2004 Act" means the Higher Education Act 2004;
 - "Erasmus year" has the same meaning given in regulation 2(1) of the Student Support Regulations;
 - "overseas institution" means an institution other than one in England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;
 - "sandwich course" has the meaning given in regulation 2(10) of the Student Support Regulations;

⁽a) 2004 c. 8. Section 24 was amended by the Education Act 2011 (c.21), section 16 and Schedule 5.

⁽b) S.I. 2006/507, as amended by the Student Fees (Inflation Index) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. (S.I. 2016/1207)

"the Student Support Regulations" means the Education (Student Support Regulations) 2011(a).

Meaning of "eligible institution"

4. An eligible institution is an institution listed in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Application of the new basic amounts

- **5.**—(1) The basic amounts prescribed in regulations 6, 7 and 8 apply in relation to the qualifying fees payable by a qualifying person in connection with a qualifying course in respect of an academic year of that course, if that academic year begins on or after 1st August 2017.
 - (2) The basic amounts do not apply if—
 - (a) the qualifying course began before 1st September 2012;
 - (b) the qualifying person is an end-on student; or
 - (c) the qualifying person transfers from a qualifying course beginning before 1st September 2012 to a qualifying course beginning on or after 1st September 2012.
 - (3) In this Regulation—
 - "designated distance learning course" has the meaning given in regulation 122 of the Student Support Regulations;
 - "distance learning course" has the meaning given in regulation 2(1) of the Student Support Regulations;
 - "end-on student" means a student who is undertaking-
 - (a) a full-time honours degree course beginning on or after 1st September 2012 which, disregarding any intervening vacation, a student begins to attend immediately after ceasing to attend a full-time course which is mentioned in paragraph 2, 3 or 4 of Schedule 2 to the Student Support Regulations or a full-time foundation degree or ordinary degree course, which started before 1st September 2012, having achieved a qualification;
 - (b) a full-time distance learning honours degree course beginning on 1st September 2012 or after which, disregarding any intervening vacation, a student begins immediately after ceasing to undertake a full-time distance learning course which is mentioned in paragraph 2, 3 or 4 of Schedule 2 to the Student Support Regulations or a full-time distance learning foundation degree or ordinary degree course, which started before 1st September 2012, having achieved a qualification; or
 - (c) a part-time honours degree course beginning on or after 1st September 2012 which, disregarding any intervening vacation, a student begins immediately after ceasing to undertake a full-time distance learning course which is mentioned in paragraph 2, 3 or 4 of Schedule 2 to the Student Support Regulations or a part-time foundation degree or ordinary degree course, which started before 1st September 2012, having achieved a qualification;

"transfer" means that the qualifying person's status as student eligible for support has been transferred under regulations made under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998(b) from a full-time course to another full-time course, a part-time course to another part-time course or a designated distance learning course to another designated distance learning course.

Prescribed basic amount from 1st August 2017

6.—(1) The basic amount is—

⁽a) S.I. 2011/1986, as amended by S.I. 2012/164, 2013/235, 2013/630, 2013/1728, 2013/3106, 2014/1766, 2014/2103 and 2014/2765

⁽b) 1998 c.30.

- (a) £6,165 in respect of an eligible institution; or
- (b) £6,000 in respect of any other institution.
- (2) This regulation does not apply in relation to courses identified in either regulation 7 or 8.

Prescribed basic amounts for specified courses from 1st August 2017

- 7.—(1) In respect of the final academic year of a course if that academic year is normally required to be completed after less than 15 weeks' attendance, the basic amount is—
 - (a) £3,080 in respect of an eligible institution; or
 - (b) £3,000 in respect of any other institution.
- (2) The basic amount is the amount specified in paragraph (3) in respect of an academic year of a sandwich course—
 - (a) during which any periods of full-time study are in aggregate less than 10 weeks; or
 - (b) 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.
 - (3) The basic amount is—
 - (a) £1,230 in respect of an eligible institution; or
 - (b) £1,200 in respect of any other institution.
 - (4) In respect of an Erasmus year, the basic amount is—
 - (a) £920 in respect of an eligible institution; or
 - (b) £900 in respect of any other institution.
- (5) The basic amount is the amount specified in paragraph (6) in respect of an academic year of a course provided in conjunction with an overseas institution which is not an Erasmus year—
 - (a) during which any periods of full-time study at the institution in the United Kingdom are in aggregate less than 10 weeks; or
 - (b) 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.
 - (6) The basic amount is—
 - (a) £920 in respect of an eligible institution; or
 - (b) £900 in respect of any other institution.

Prescribed basic amount for part-time courses from 1st August 2017

- **8.** The basic amount in respect of a part-time course is—
 - (a) £4,625 in respect of an eligible institution; or
 - (b) £4,500 in respect of any other institution.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 24 of the Higher Education Act 2004 (c.8) enables the Secretary of State to impose a condition on grants to the Higher Education Funding Council for England requiring it to impose a condition on financial support given to the governing body of a relevant institution. This condition would require the governing body to secure that the fees payable for a qualifying course by a qualifying student do not exceed either the prescribed basic amount, or, where an institution has an approved plan in force, the amount specified in that plan which is not to exceed the prescribed higher amount.

These Regulations prescribe that the basic amounts in respect of a relevant course for an academic year of that course which starts on or after 1st August 2017 are those listed in Regulations 6, 7 and 8. Regulation 6 sets out the basic amounts which will ordinarily apply. For fees payable in respect of an academic year of courses specified in Regulation 7, the basic amounts set out in that regulation will apply. Regulation 8 sets out the basic amounts which will apply in respect of part-time courses. The Higher Education (Higher Amount) (England) Regulations 2016 will prescribe the higher amounts.

For each type of course two basic amounts are prescribed. An upper basic amount applies in the case of an "eligible institution", which regulation 4 defines as an institution listed in the Schedule to the regulations. These are institutions which have achieved a "Meets Expectations" rating for the purposes of Year One of the Teaching Excellence Framework, a scheme operated by the Department for Education for rating the quality of teaching in higher education. A second basic amount, which reflects the amounts prescribed in the Higher Education (Basic Amount) (England) Regulations 2010, will apply to any other institution that is subject to a condition imposed under section 24.

Regulation 5(2) provides that the amounts described above do not apply where the first academic year of a relevant course begins before 1st September 2012, where a student is an end-on student, or the student has transferred from a course that began before 1st September 2012 to a course that began on or after that date. In each of these cases the amounts set out in the Student Fees (Amounts) (England) Regulations 2004 (S.I. 2004/1932) will continue to apply.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business, charities or the voluntary sector.

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