STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1990 No. 1506

The Education (Student Loans) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990

Loans for students

3.—(1) The Department may make arrangements for enabling eligible students to receive loans towards their maintenance out of money made available by it for that purpose.

(2) For the purposes of this Article eligible students are those who-

- (a) are attending courses of higher education which are of at least one academic year's duration and either are at institutions receiving support from public funds or (being at other institutions) are designated for the purposes of this Article by or under regulations made by the Department; and
- (b) satisfy such other conditions as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Department.

(3) In this Article "courses of higher education" means courses of any description mentioned in Schedule 1 and "institutions receiving support from public funds" means—

- (a) The Queen's University of Belfast, the University of Ulster, a college of education in Northern Ireland within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(1) and institutions providing in Northern Ireland further education as defined in Article 100 of the Education Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 1989(2);
- (b) universities and other institutions receiving grants under section 131 or 132 of the Education Reform Act 1988(3), institutions maintained by local education authorities in England or Wales in exercise of their further and higher education functions, institutions designated by or under regulations made under section 218 of that Act as institutions substantially dependent for their maintenance on assistance from local education authorities and institutions receiving recurrent grants towards their costs under regulations made under section 100(1)(b) of the Education Act 1944(4);
- (c) colleges of further education (as defined in section 80(1) of the Self-Governing Schools etc. (Scotland) Act 1989(5) or which are managed by a company by virtue of section 65(1) of that Act) and grant-aided colleges within the meaning of section 77(5) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980(6).

(4) The Department may by order amend Schedule 1, but before doing so shall consult any persons with whom consultation appears to it to be desirable.

- (5) Schedule 2 shall have effect in relation to arrangements made under this Article.
- (6) Orders under paragraph (4) shall be subject to affirmative resolution.

(7) Regulations under this Article or Schedule 2 shall, subject to paragraph (8) and paragraph 1(2) of that Schedule, be subject to negative resolution.

(6) 1980 c. 44

^{(1) 1986} NI 3
(2) 1989 NI 20

⁽**3**) 1988 c. 40

⁽**4**) 1944 c. 31

⁽**5**) 1989 c. 39

(8) The first regulations to be made under this Article or Schedule 2 shall be subject to affirmative resolution.