
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 58

**The Education (Student Loans)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998**

Part II

Eligibility for Loans

Conditions of eligibility

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a student shall be eligible for a loan in relation to an academic year if he—

- (a) is attending a course which is—
 - (i) a full-time course; or
 - (ii) a full-time or a part-time course for the initial training of teachers which is for the time being designated by the Department;
- (b) is a person mentioned in Schedule 1; and
- (c) has entered into an agreement for the loan before the 1st August immediately following the beginning of the academic year.

(2) A student shall not be eligible for a loan in relation to an academic year if he—

- (a) has attained the age of 50 years before the first day of the course;
- (b) has received another loan in relation to the same academic year;
- (c) has received another loan in relation to another academic year which began during the same period 1st August to the following 31st July during which the academic year began;
- (d) is eligible in respect of that year to receive any payment under a bursary or award of similar description bestowed on him under Article 44 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(1) the amount of which is not calculated by reference to his income;
- (e) is in breach of any obligation contained in any agreement for a loan; or
- (f) has not ratified any agreement for a loan made with him when he was under the age of 18.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b), (c), (e) and (f) “loan” includes a loan made under the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990(2).

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

(2) 1990 c. 6, amended by the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13), Schedule 8, paragraph 67; by the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 1992 (c. 37), Schedule 9, paragraphs 12(2) and (3); by the Education Act 1994 (c. 30), Schedule 2, paragraph 9; by the Education (Student Loans) Act 1996 (c. 9), Section 1(1) and the Schedule; by the Education Act 1996 (c. 56), Schedule 37, paragraph 98 and Schedule 38, and by the Education (Student Loans) Act 1998 (c. 1), sections 1 to 3