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PART 6

LOANS FOR LIVING COSTS

CHAPTER 1

QUALIFYING CONDITIONS

Qualifying conditions for the loan for living costs – current system students

63.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), a current system student qualifies for a loan for living costs in connection with his attendance on a designated course if he meets the following conditions—

- (a) he is under the age of 60 on the relevant date; and
- (b) he does not have an honours degree from—
 - (i) an institution in the United Kingdom; or
 - (ii) an institution in the Republic of Ireland for which he received financial support under previous regulations.
- (2) The condition in paragraph (1)(b) does not apply where—
 - (a) the designated course is considered to be a single course under regulation 6(5);
 - (b) the designated course leads to qualification as a social worker;
 - (c) the current system student is eligible to receive a healthcare bursary or a Scottish healthcare allowance the amount of which is calculated by reference to his income in respect of any academic year of the course; or
 - (d) the current system student is on a course for the initial training of teachers.
- (3) A current system student does not qualify for a loan for living costs if—
 - (a) he is in receipt of funding from the Department to participate in a management development programme known as the Business Education Initiative; or
 - (b) the only paragraph in Part 2 of Schedule 2 into which he falls is paragraph 9.
- (4) To receive a loan for living costs, a current system student must enter into a contract with the Department.

Qualifying conditions for the loan for living costs – old system students

64.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), an old system student who falls within paragraph (a), (b), (e)(i) or (f) of the definition of “old system student” in regulation 2 qualifies for a loan for living costs in connection with his attendance on a designated course if he is under the age of 60 on the relevant date.

- (2) Subject to paragraph (4), an old system student who falls within paragraph (c), (d) or (e) (ii) of the definition of “old system student” in regulation 2 qualifies for a loan for living costs in connection with his attendance on a designated course if he meets the following conditions—
- (a) he is under the age of 60 on the relevant date; and
 - (b) he does not have an honours degree from—
 - (i) an institution in the United Kingdom; or
 - (ii) an institution in the Republic of Ireland for which he received financial support under previous regulations.
- (3) The condition in paragraph (2)(b) does not apply where—
- (a) the designated course is considered to be a single course under regulation 6(5);
 - (b) the designated course leads to qualification as a social worker;
 - (c) the old system student is eligible to receive any healthcare bursary or a Scottish healthcare allowance the amount of which is calculated by reference to his income in respect of any academic year of the course; or
 - (d) the old system student is on a course for the initial training of teachers.
- (4) An old system student does not qualify for a loan for living costs if—
- (a) he is in receipt of funding from the Department to participate in a management development programme known as the Business Education Initiative; or
 - (b) the only paragraph in Part 2 of Schedule 2 into which he falls is paragraph 9.
- (5) To receive a loan for living costs, an old system student must enter into a contract with the Department.