
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2017 No. 7

**The Education (Student Support) (No.2) (Amendment)
and Education (Student Loan) (Repayment)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017**

**Amendment of the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland)
2009**

17. In regulation 117 (Conversion of status – eligible students transferring to designated distance learning courses)

- (a) in paragraph (1), after “which”, insert “the”;
- (b) after paragraph (3), add—

“(4) This paragraph makes provision for fee loan and distance learning fee loan where a student (“A”) transfers under paragraph (1)—

- (a) no payment in respect of any fee loan must be made in respect of any instalment period beginning after the date on which A became an eligible distance learning student;
- (b) any fee loan to which A was entitled under Part 4 immediately before A became an eligible distance learning student is ignored in determining the amount of distance learning fee loan to which A may be entitled in respect of that year under this Part;
- (c) where the designated distance learning course into which A transfers continues in the same quarter of the same academic year of the designated course from which A transferred, the maximum amount of distance learning fee loan to which A would, apart from this regulation, be entitled to borrow in connection with undertaking a designated distance learning course in respect of that academic year is reduced by one third where A became an eligible distance learning student in the second quarter of the academic year and by two thirds where A became such a student in a later quarter of the academic year; and
- (d) where the academic year of the designated distance learning course into which A transfers begins on a later date than the academic year of the designated course from which A is transferring, the maximum amount of distance learning fee loan to which A would be entitled to borrow in connection with that academic year, provided that the student qualifies for a distance learning fee loan in respect of that year, is the lesser of –
 - (i) £3,022.50; and
 - (ii) the fees payable by the student in connection with that year, minus any grant paid under regulation 109(1)(a) in connection with that year.”.