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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2017 No. 7**

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

**“Overpayment of grants and allowances”.**

**39.** After regulation 137 (Payment of grants for fees), insert—

**“Payment of Part-time fee loan**

**137A.**—(1) The Department must pay the part-time fee loan for which an eligible part-time student qualifies to an institution to which the student is liable to make payment.

(2) The Department may pay the part-time fee loan in instalments.

(3) The Department must not pay the part-time fee loan or first instalment of the part-time fee loan before the Department has received from the academic authority—

(a) a request for payment; and

(b) confirmation (in such form and at such times as may be required by the Department) of the student’s attendance on the designated part-time course for the period to which the instalment relates.

(4) The academic authority must inform the Department when a student’s intensity of study drops below 25% or where the student ceases to attend or undertake the designated part-time course during the academic year.

(5) No payment of part-time fee loan or instalment of part-time fee loan can be made in respect of a designated part time course once the academic authority has informed the Department that the student has ceased to attend or undertake the course during the academic year.

(6) In this regulation, “*confirmation of the student’s attendance*” means confirmation from the academic authority that the student—

(a) has enrolled for the academic year and has begun to attend (or in the case of a distance learning course undertake) the course for that academic year, where the confirmation relates to payment of the part-time fee loan or the first instalment of the part-time fee loan for the academic year; or

(b) remains enrolled and continues to attend (or in the case of a distance learning course undertake) the course, where the confirmation relates to payment of an instalment of the part-time fee loan other than the first instalment. ”.