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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**

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

9. In regulation 109 (Support for distance learning courses)—
- (a) in paragraph (1)—
    - (i) in sub-paragraph (a)(ii), omit the “and”;
    - (ii) after sub-paragraph (a), insert the following sub-paragraph—
      - “(aa) a distance learning fee loan, where—
        - (i) the fees charged by the academic authority in respect of an academic year of the designated distance learning course exceed the grant mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), the amount of which has been determined in accordance with regulation 110; or
        - (ii) it has been determined in accordance with regulation 110 that no grant is payable under sub-paragraph (a); or
        - (iii) the eligible distance learning student does not apply for the grant mentioned in sub-paragraph (a); and”;
  - (b) after paragraph (1), insert—
    - “(1A) A distance learning fee loan is administered in accordance with regulation 110A.”;
  - (c) in paragraph (5), for “under this regulation”, substitute “under paragraphs (1)(a) or (b)”;
  - and
  - (d) after paragraph (6), insert—
    - “(6A) An eligible distance learning student does not qualify for a distance learning fee loan under paragraph (1)(aa) if—
      - (a) the student has undertaken one or more distance learning courses for sixteen years in aggregate; and
      - (b) the student received in respect of each of those academic years a loan or a grant of the kind described in paragraph (6).”.