## STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2021 No. 202

# The Further Education (Student Support) (Eligibility) (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

### Amendment of paragraph 6 and insertion of paragraphs 6A to 6F

10.—(1) For paragraph 6 (EU nationals), substitute—

- "6.—(1) A person who—
  - (a) is either—
    - (i) an EU national on the first day of an academic year of the course; or(ii) a family member of a such a person;
    - (ii) a family member of a such a person,
  - (b) is attending or undertaking a designated course in Northern Ireland;
  - (c) has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the United Kingdom, Gibraltar, the European Economic Area and Switzerland throughout the threeyear period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
  - (d) subject to sub-paragraph (2), whose ordinary residence in the territory comprising the United Kingdom, Gibraltar, the European Economic Area and Switzerland has not during any part of the period referred to in paragraph (c) been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education.

(2) Paragraph (d) of sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to a person who is treated as being ordinarily resident in the relevant territory in accordance with paragraph 1(3).

(3) Any description of person who would have fallen within this paragraph immediately before IP completion day is to be treated as falling within this paragraph on and after IP completion day.".

(2) After paragraph 6 insert—

"6A.—(1) A person with protected rights—

- (a) who is—
  - (i) an EU national on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
  - (ii) a family member of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (i); or
  - (iii) a family member of a relevant person of Northern Ireland;
- (b) who is undertaking the course in Northern Ireland;
- (c) who has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the United Kingdom, Gibraltar, the European Economic Area and Switzerland throughout the threeyear period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) subject to sub-paragraph (2), whose ordinary residence in the territory comprising the United Kingdom, Gibraltar, the European Economic Area and Switzerland

has not during any part of the period referred to in paragraph (c) been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education.

(2) Paragraph (d) of sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to a person who is treated as being ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the United Kingdom, Gibraltar, the European Economic Area and Switzerland in accordance with paragraph 1(3).

#### **United Kingdom nationals**

**6B.**—(1) A person—

- (a) who is—
  - (i) a United Kingdom national on the first day of an academic year of the course; or
  - (ii) a family member of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (i);
- (b) who was ordinarily resident immediately before IP completion day-
  - (i) in the territory comprising the European Economic Area and Switzerland; or
  - (ii) in the United Kingdom, where that ordinary residence began after 31st December 2017 immediately following a period of ordinary residence in the territory comprising the European Economic Area and Switzerland,

and has remained ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the United Kingdom, the European Economic Area and Switzerland (the relevant territory) throughout the period beginning on IP completion day and ending immediately before the first day of the first academic year of the course;

- (c) who is attending or undertaking a designated course in Northern Ireland;
- (d) has been ordinarily resident in the relevant territory throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (e) subject to sub-paragraph (2), whose ordinary residence in the relevant territory has not during any part of the period referred to in paragraph (d) been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education.

(2) Paragraph (e) of sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to a person who is treated as being ordinarily resident in the relevant territory in accordance with paragraph 1(3).

(3) Where a person ("P") falls within sub-paragraph (1)(a)(ii), the person in relation to whom P is a family member must also meet the requirements of sub-paragraph (1)(b) and (d).

**6C.**—(1) A person—

- (a) who is a family member of a person who is a United Kingdom national on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (b) who is attending or undertaking a designated course in Northern Ireland;
- (c) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) subject to sub-paragraph (2), whose ordinary residence in the United Kingdom and Islands has not during any part of the period referred to in paragraph (c) been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education.

(2) Paragraph (d) of sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to a person who is treated as being ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands in accordance with paragraph 1(3).

#### Persons resident in Gibraltar

### **6D.**—(1) A person—

- (a) who is—
  - (i) a United Kingdom national who has resident status in Gibraltar granted by the Government of Gibraltar;
  - (ii) a family member of a United Kingdom national, where that family member has resident status in Gibraltar granted by the Government of Gibraltar;
  - (iii) an EU national who has a right of residence in Gibraltar arising under the EU withdrawal agreement; or
  - (iv) a family member of an EU national, where that family member has a right of residence in Gibraltar arising under the EU withdrawal agreement;
- (b) who is attending or undertaking a designated course in Northern Ireland;
- (c) who has been ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the United Kingdom, Gibraltar, the European Economic Area and Switzerland (the relevant territory) throughout the three-year period preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) subject to sub-paragraph (2), whose ordinary residence in the relevant territory has not during any part of the period referred to in paragraph (c) been wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education.

(2) Paragraph (d) of sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to a person who is treated as being ordinarily resident in the relevant territory in accordance with paragraph 1(3).

#### EU nationals ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands

6E.—(1) A person who—

- (a) is an EU national on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (b) is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the threeyear period immediately preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) in a case where his ordinary residence referred to in paragraph (c) was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, was ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the United Kingdom, Gibraltar, the European Economic Area and Switzerland immediately prior to the period of ordinary residence referred to in paragraph (c).

6F.—(1) A person with protected rights who—

- (a) is an EU national on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (b) is ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland on the first day of the first academic year of the course;
- (c) has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the threeyear period immediately preceding the first day of the first academic year of the course; and
- (d) in a case where the person's ordinary residence referred to in paragraph (c) was wholly or mainly for the purpose of receiving full-time education, was ordinarily resident in the territory comprising the United Kingdom, Gibraltar, the European

Economic Area and Switzerland immediately prior to the period of ordinary residence referred to in paragraph (c).

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph, an Irish citizen is not required to be living in the United Kingdom on IP completion day.".