## STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

## 2021 No. 50

## The Education (Student Support, etc.) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

## Amendments in relation to notification of absence from courses

- 3. In Schedule 4(1) (information) to the 2009 Regulations—
  - (a) in paragraph 2—
    - (i) in the words before sub-paragraph (a)—
      - (aa) for "Every" substitute "An";
      - (bb) for "and eligible" substitute "or eligible"
    - (ii) for sub-paragraphs (a) to (g) substitute—
      - "(a) they withdraw from or abandon their course;
      - (b) they are expelled from their course;
      - (c) they transfer to another course (whether at the same institution or not);
      - (d) they are absent from their course for more than 60 days due to illness;
      - (e) they are suspended from their course (whether at their request or not);
      - (f) the month for the start or completion of their course changes;
      - (g) their home or term-time address or telephone number changes;
      - (h) they become, or cease to be, a prisoner.";
  - (b) after paragraph 2, insert—

"**2A.**—(1) An academic authority must forthwith inform the Department and provide the Department with particulars if an applicant, eligible student, eligible distance learning student, eligible part-time student or eligible Master's, etc. student—

- (a) withdraws from or abandons their course;
- (b) is expelled from their course;
- (c) is absent from their course for more than 60 days due to illness;
- (d) is suspended from their course (whether at their request or not).

(2) An academic authority is not required to provide under sub-paragraph (1) any information which it has already provided to the Department under regulation 99(5), 119A(4) 137A(4) or 163(5).