EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend legislation which makes provision about, or in connection with, student finance. Two sets of Student Support Regulations are amended. Those Regulations are the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 "the 2009 Regulations" and the Student Fees (Qualifying Courses and Persons) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 "the 2007 Regulations".

Regulations 3 to 10 amend the 2009 Regulations and the 2007 Regulations respectively for new courses which begin on or after 1st August 2022 so that British nationals evacuated or assisted from Afghanistan become eligible for support.

Regulation 11 to 33 amend the 2009 Regulations and the 2007 Regulations respectively so that persons under the Ukraine Schemes (Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme, Ukraine Family Scheme and Ukraine Extension Scheme) become eligible for support for new and existing courses from the beginning of academic year 2022/23.

Regulations 34 to 38 amend provisions of the 2009 Regulations that had been either been amended incorrectly or not amended where amendments were required.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this rule as no, or no significant impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Education (Student Support, etc.) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022.