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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2022 No. 75**

**The Education (Student Support, etc.)  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

**PART 2**

**CHAPTER 3**

Disabled Students' Allowance

**Amendments to the 2009 Regulations**

- 18.** In regulation 2(1) (interpretation), after the definition of “transitional award”, insert—
- ““travel expenditure” means the additional expenditure incurred by a student—
- (a) within the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland for the purposes of attending their institution; or
  - (b) within or outside the United Kingdom for the purposes of attending, as part of their course, any period of study at an overseas institution or for the purposes of attending the Institute;”.
- 19.** In regulation 41 (qualifying conditions for the disabled students' allowance)—
- (a) number existing text as (1);
  - (b) after newly numbered sub-paragraph (1), insert—

“(2) The expenditure for which the grant may be paid includes, in particular—

    - (a) expenditure on a non-medical personal helper;
    - (b) expenditure on major items of specialist equipment;
    - (c) travel expenditure.”
- 20.** In regulation 42 (amount of the disabled students' allowance)(1)—
- (a) for paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) The amount of the disabled students' allowance in respect of an academic year—

    - (a) for expenditure other than travel expenditure, must not exceed £25,000;
    - (b) for travel expenditure, must not exceed the additional expenditure incurred.”
  - (b) omit paragraphs (3) and (4);
  - (c) in paragraph (5) omit “, except where the allowance is used for expenditure on major items of specialist equipment”;
  - (d) in paragraph (6) for the words “for the purposes specified” to the end substitute—

“in respect of—

- (a) the quarter in which the relevant event occurs, and
- (b) if relevant, such quarters as begin after the relevant event occurs.”

**21.** In regulation 112 (disabled distance learning students’ allowance)(2)—

- (a) After sub-paragraph (1) insert—
  - “(1A) The expenditure for which the grant may be paid includes, in particular—
    - (a) expenditure on a non-medical personal helper;
    - (b) expenditure on major items of specialist equipment;
    - (c) travel expenditure.”
- (b) for paragraph (6) substitute—
  - “(6) The amount of grant under this regulation in respect of an academic year—
    - (a) for expenditure other than travel expenditure, must not exceed £25,000;
    - (b) for travel expenditure, must not exceed the additional expenditure incurred.”
- (c) in paragraph (7) omit “, except where the allowance is used for expenditure on major items of specialist equipment”;
- (d) in paragraph (8) for the words “for the purposes specified” to the end substitute—
  - “in respect of—
    - (a) the quarter in which the relevant event occurs, and
    - (b) if relevant, such quarters as begin after the relevant event occurs.”

**22.** In regulation 130 (disabled part-time students’ allowance)(3)—

- (a) after paragraph (1) insert—
  - “(1A) The expenditure for which the grant may be paid includes, in particular—
    - (a) expenditure on a non-medical personal helper;
    - (b) expenditure on major items of specialist equipment;
    - (c) travel expenditure.”
- (b) in the second paragraph numbered (3A), for “(3A)” substitute “(3B)”
- (c) for paragraph (5) substitute—
  - “(5) The amount of grant under this regulation in respect of an academic year—
    - (a) for expenditure other than travel expenditure, must not exceed £25,000;
    - (b) for travel expenditure, must not exceed the additional expenditure incurred.”
- (d) in paragraph (6) omit “, except where the allowance is used for expenditure on major items of specialist equipment”;
- (e) in paragraph (7) for the words “for the purposes specified” to the end substitute—
  - “in respect of—
    - (a) the quarter in which the relevant event occurs, and
    - (b) if relevant, such quarters as begin after the relevant event occurs.”

**23.** In regulation 144 (applications for support) for paragraph (4) substitute—

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(2) Regulation 112 was amended by S.Rs 2010 No. 383, 2012 No. 398, S.R. 2017/43, S.R.s 2018 No. 35 and 2021 Nos 50 and 85 and 260.

(3) Regulation 130 was amended by S.R 2012 No. 398, S.R. 2017 No. 43 and S.R.s 2021 Nos 50 and 85 and 260.

“(4) The Department must notify the applicant of whether the applicant qualifies for support and, if the applicant does qualify, the amount of support payable in respect of the academic year, if any.”

**24.** In regulation 146 (amount of grant)(4)—

(a) for paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) The amount of grant under this regulation in respect of an academic year—

- (a) for expenditure other than travel expenditure, must not exceed £25,000;
- (b) for travel expenditure, must not exceed the additional expenditure incurred.”

(b) in paragraph (3), for sub-paragraph (c), substitute—

“(c) travel expenditure.”;

(c) in paragraph (4) omit “, except where the allowance is used for expenditure on major items of specialist equipment as provided for in paragraph (3)(b)”;

(d) in paragraph (5) for the words “in respect of” to the end substitute—

“in respect of—

- (a) the quarter in which the relevant event occurs, and
- (b) if relevant, such quarters as begin after the relevant event occurs.”