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## EDUCATION

## University and Further Education Awards

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH SEPTEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION UNDER ARTICLE 39 OF THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Article 39 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the University and Further Education Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st October 1973.

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"academic authorities" means the authorities of the university or other institution which the student is attending;

"education committee" means an education committee constituted under section (2) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(b);

"sandwich course" means a course consisting of alternate periods of full-time study in a university or approved institution and associated industrial, professional or commercial experience so organised that taking the course as a whole the student attends the periods of full-time study for an average of not less than 19 weeks in each year; and for the purpose of calculating attendance the course shall be treated as beginning with the first period of full-time study and ending with the last such period;

"year" as regards any course means the period of 12 months beginning on 1st January, 1st April or 1st September according as the academic year of the course in question begins in the spring, the summer or the autumn respectively.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations a person's marriage is to be treated as having been terminated, not only by the death of the other spouse or the annulment or dissolution of the marriage by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction, but also by virtue of the parties to the marriage ceasing to live together, whether or not an order for their separation has been made by any court.

*Making of awards*

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations a board shall make an award to each student admitted for the first time to—

(1) a full-time or sandwich first degree course at a university in the United Kingdom; or

- (2) a full-time or sandwich course at an approved institution which is regarded by the Ministry as comparable to a first-degree course:

Provided that before the commencement of the course the student has obtained passes at Advanced Level in two subjects in a General Certificate of Education examination or a standard of attainment which is regarded by the Ministry as equivalent.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) a board may at its discretion make an award to a student admitted to—

- (a) a course at a university outside the United Kingdom provided that in the case of a full-time first degree course the student before the commencement of the course has obtained passes at Advanced Level in two subjects in a General Certificate of Education examination or a standard of attainment which is regarded by the Ministry as equivalent;
- (b) a course specified in Regulation 3 although the student is not eligible for an award under the provisions of that Regulation;
- (c) a full-time, part-time or sandwich course at an approved institution;
- (d) any other approved full-time, part-time or sandwich course.

(2) A board may not make awards for courses which are approved for the purposes of awards under the Training of Teachers (Scholarships) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(c) or the Postgraduate Awards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(d).

5.—(1) A board may refuse to make an award to a person who—

- (a) has not been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom for at least three years immediately preceding the date on which the course in respect of which the award is sought is due to begin and resident in the board's area on the last day of the month of October, February or June, preceding the beginning of the course, according as the course begins in the spring, summer or autumn term respectively, except in the case of a person who would have been so resident had he, his wife (or in the case of a woman student her husband) or his parent not been employed for the time being outside the United Kingdom; a student shall not be regarded as ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom for the purpose of an award if he was so resident wholly or mainly for the purpose of attending a full-time course of education;
- (b) has in the opinion of the board shown himself by his conduct to be unfitted to receive an award;
- (c) has attended a full-time course of initial training as a teacher or has successfully completed a part-time course of such training;
- (d) has previously attended a full-time course at a university or institution or one approved by the Ministry as comparable;
- (e) has attended any full-time course of further education of not less than two years' duration which the Ministry regards as being at a level higher than the General Certificate of Education Advanced Level examination;

(f) has successfully completed a part-time course of postgraduate or post-diploma instruction or one in preparation for a degree, Higher National Diploma, Higher National Certificate, Diploma in Management Studies, Diploma in Art and Design or a final professional examination of a standard above that of the examination for the Ordinary National Certificate or the General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level).

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation a student shall be deemed to have attended a course if he has attended any part of that course.

*Commencement, transfer and termination of awards*

6. An applicant to whom an award is made shall enter upon the award in the year in which it is made unless the board otherwise approves.

7.—(1) Each award shall, subject to satisfactory attendance, conduct and progress be tenable to the end of the period normally required for the completion of the course of study in respect of which the award was made.

(2) If a student holding an award is recommended before the expiry of two months after the end of the first year of the course by the academic authorities to transfer to another course at the same university or institution or with the consent of the academic authorities of both bodies concerned, given on educational grounds before the expiry of two months after the end of the first year, commences to attend a course at another university or institution, then in the case of awards made under Regulation 3 the board shall continue the award for the period normally required to complete the new course and in the case of awards made under Regulation 4 the board may at its discretion continue the award.

(3) The board may, after consultation with the academic authorities, refuse to transfer an award under paragraph (2) if it is satisfied that when the student applied for the award he did not intend to complete the course to which the application related.

(4) The board may continue an award beyond the aforementioned periods if it thinks it appropriate to do so.

(5) The board may suspend or terminate an award or withhold or reduce any payment normally due in respect of the award if, after consultation with the academic authorities, it is of the opinion that the attendance, conduct or progress of the student is not satisfactory.

8.—(1) Should a student fail to observe any of the conditions under which an award has been made the board may suspend or terminate it.

(2) As a condition of an award the board may require the applicant to give an undertaking that he will attend regularly at the university or institution and complete the course for which the award is tenable; and that if for any reason he should cease attendance before the normal date of termination of the award he will, if requested by the board, refund such sum as may be determined by the board to have been paid in respect of the period after attendance ceased.

(3) Any such undertaking may also provide for the refund of any advance made before notification of a change in financial circumstances under Regulation 11.

*Calculation and payment of awards*

9. The value of an award shall be determined annually in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations :

Provided that where a board is unable to determine the amount of any contribution assessable under these Regulations or in other exceptional circumstances the value of the award shall be such as the board, with the approval of the Ministry, may determine.

10.—(1) Each application for an award shall be in such form, contain such information and be accompanied by such documents as a board may require.

(2) For the purpose of the annual determination of the value of an award or of any reassessment deemed necessary by a board the student shall furnish or cause to be furnished such further information accompanied by such documents as a board may at any time require.

(3) A board may withhold any payment to or in respect of any student who is for the time being in default of the requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2) to provide such information :

Provided that in the case of a student (other than a student attending a part-time or sandwich course) to whom apart from the foregoing provisions of this paragraph a grant would be payable the board shall in respect of any year in which he remains in default pay a grant of a sum not less than the amount which would have been payable if paragraph (3) or (4) of Regulation 14 had applied.

11.—(1) A student who obtains any scholarship, exhibition, bursary or award under any other scheme, endowment or foundation or acquires any source of income or engages in any form of employment, apart from vacation employment, shall immediately inform the board.

(2) The student shall immediately give or cause to be given to the board information of any change in circumstances affecting the value or tenure of the award.

(3) A student shall inform the board if he is absent from a course through illness for a continuous period exceeding 28 days or otherwise than through illness for any period.

(4) If the student is absent from a course through illness for a continuous period of 28 days, or otherwise than through illness for any period, the board may, at its discretion, and having regard to any saving of expense to the student arising out of his absence, reduce the amount of the prescribed payments.

12. An award shall be paid in such manner as the board, under arrangements approved by the Ministry, may determine.

*Value of awards*

13.—(1) The value of an award for a full-time course shall be for each academic year the allowable amount calculated under Regulation 14 :

Provided that in the case of awards made under Regulation 4, the board may, where it is satisfied that the expenses of the student are substantially less than the amount calculated under Regulation 14, determine the value of the award having regard to such expenses.

(2) The value of an award for a sandwich or a part-time course shall be calculated in such manner as the Ministry may from time to time approve.

#### *Full-time courses*

14.—(1) The allowable amount for an award for a full-time course shall be the aggregate of—

- (a) the approved fees charged by the university or institution;
- (b) the appropriate standard grant towards term-time and vacation maintenance, travel and the cost of books and stationery, in accordance with Regulation 15;
- (c) additional grants where appropriate in accordance with Regulation 16;
- (d) dependants' grants where appropriate in accordance with Regulation 17 or 18;
- (e) an older student's allowance where appropriate in accordance with Regulation 19.

(2) The allowable amount as calculated under paragraph (1) shall be reduced where appropriate by—

- (a) a contribution assessed on the student's income in accordance with Regulation 20; and
- (b) a contribution assessed on the income of the student's parents in accordance with Regulation 21.

(3) Where the value of an award for a full-time course made under Regulation 3 and calculated in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) is less than £50 a minimum grant of £50 shall be paid except in the case of a student—

- (a) who holds a state scholarship or any award from a government department or other public body or is in receipt of any other payment in respect of his attendance at the course; and
- (b) to, or in respect of, whom there is paid in pursuance of that scholarship, award or payment an amount which is not less than the aggregate of the approved fees and the standard grant payable in accordance with paragraph (1) of Regulation 16.

(4) Where the value of an award for a full-time course made under Regulation 4 and calculated in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2) is less than £50 a minimum grant of £50 or an amount equal to the aggregate of the approved fees charged by the institution together with the cost of necessary books, stationery etc., shall be paid whichever is less.

#### *Standard grant*

15.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation the standard grant shall be calculated at the following annual rates:—

- (a) Where the student resides in his parent's home . . . . . £390
- (b) where the student does not reside in his parent's home:
  - (i) if in attendance at Oxford University, Cambridge University, London University or any other approved institution within the City of London or the Metropolitan Police District . . . . . £520
  - (ii) if in attendance at other universities or approved institutions elsewhere in the British Islands . . . . . £485
- (c) where the student is required as part of a course to attend at a university or approved institution outside the British Islands . . . . . £520

(2) The standard grant for a married woman who resides in the matrimonial home shall be at the annual rate of £295 unless—

(a) her husband is incapacitated and dependent on her; or

(b) he is attending a full-time course at a university or institution;

and in either of these cases the appropriate standard grant in paragraph (1) shall apply.

(3) Where a student does not reside in his parent's home but could in the opinion of the board conveniently attend from that home he shall be entitled to receive the appropriate standard grant at (b) of paragraph (1) only if the academic authorities have recommended that he should live in college, hall or lodgings.

(4) A student residing in the home of a parent who by reason of age or incapacity or otherwise cannot in the opinion of the board reasonably be expected to support him may receive the appropriate standard grant at (b) of paragraph (1).

(5) In these Regulations references to the parent's home include, in the case of a student whose spouse is a full-time student, the home of the parent of the student's spouse.

#### *Additional grants*

16.—(1) Where the student attends the university or institution for any period over 30 weeks 3 days in a year, or 25 weeks 3 days if he is at Oxford University or Cambridge University, a payment shall be made in respect of the excess period as follows for each additional week or incomplete part of a week:—

(a) Where the student resides in his parent's home ..... £4.90

(b) where the student does not reside in his parent's home and is

(i) in attendance at a course at an establishment within the City of London or the Metropolitan Police District or at an institution outside the British Islands ..... £9.80

or (ii) in attendance at a course at an establishment elsewhere ..... £8.40

Provided that the appropriate rate of payment to a married woman student who resides in the matrimonial home shall be £4.90 for each additional week or incomplete part of a week unless—

(i) her husband is incapacitated and dependent on her; or

(ii) he is attending a full-time course at a university or other institution;

in either of these cases the appropriate rate at (b) shall apply.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) shall not apply to students attending first degree courses at universities in the United Kingdom nor shall such students be paid additional grant under paragraph (6) in respect of expenditure on term-time travel on day trips within the United Kingdom in connection with the course.

(3) If the student undertakes as part of his course a period of residential study away from his university or institution during term-time and thereby incurs additional expenditure a grant not exceeding £1.30 per day shall be paid where the academic authorities certify to the board that if the student did not attend he would not be eligible to complete the course:

Provided that where no certificate is given, the grant paid shall be such sum (if any) not exceeding the amount specified above, as the board may consider appropriate.

(4) If the student undertakes a course of vacation study under the guidance of the academic authorities of the university or institution at which he is in attendance and the academic authorities certify to the board that, if the student did not follow the course of study, he would not be eligible to complete the course a payment shall be made in respect of each day as follows:—

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| (a) Where the student resides in his parent's home . . . . .  | 70p   |
| (b) where the student does not reside in his parent's home:   |       |
| (i) in the case of study within the City of London or the Metropolitan Police District or at an institution outside the British Islands . . . . . | £1.40 |
| (ii) in any other case . . . . .  | £1.20 |

Provided that the appropriate daily rate for a married woman student who resides in the matrimonial home shall be 70p unless—

- (i) her husband is incapacitated and dependent on her; or
- (ii) he is attending a full-time course at a university or other establishment;

and in either of these cases the appropriate rate at (b) shall apply.

(5) If the student is reading modern languages and is required as an essential part of his course by the academic authorities to undertake a course of vacation study in the country (being a country outside the British Islands) whose language is a main language he is studying and if he lives with a family approved by the academic authorities a payment of £1.40 per day shall be made.

(6) Where the student necessarily incurs expenditure in excess of £15 per year on travel within the United Kingdom for the purpose of attending his university or institution or in connection with his course during term-time or within or outside the United Kingdom (not on an exchange basis) for the purpose of attending a course qualifying for payment under paragraphs (3), (4) or (5) grant shall be paid to cover the excess expenditure:

Provided that in the case of paragraphs (3) and (4) where no certificate is given the board may pay such sum (if any) as it may consider appropriate.

(7) In one year of the award additional grant not exceeding £20 shall be paid in respect of expenditure necessarily incurred on the purchase of equipment for students of Medicine, Veterinary Science or Medicine, Architecture or Ophthalmic Optics.

(8) Additional grant may, under arrangements approved by the Ministry be paid at the discretion of the board in respect of expenditure necessarily incurred by a student on travel outside the United Kingdom for the purpose of his course.

(9) In the case of any student who in the opinion of the board would otherwise suffer undue hardship additional grant not exceeding £6.55 as the board may consider appropriate may be paid in respect of any week during the vacation in respect of which no additional grant is prescribed under any other provision of this Regulation.

(10) In the case of a student whose home is for the time being outside the British Islands additional grant may be paid as the board considers appropriate in respect of expenditure necessarily incurred at the beginning and end of term on travel between his home and the university or institution.

*Dependants' grants*

17.—(1) This Regulation shall apply to a student who married before the year in which the course begins and who—

- (a) has supported himself out of his earnings for at least 3 years before the year in which the course begins; or
- (b) is aged 25 years or over before the year in which the course begins; or
- (c) is a woman aged 21 years or over before the year in which the course begins.

(2) The following maximum annual rates of dependants' grants shall be paid in respect of persons who are dependent on the student:—

- (a) For a spouse or subject to paragraph (3) one other adult dependant or the first dependent child . . . . . £250
- (b) save as in (a) of this paragraph for the first dependent child . . . . . £105
- (c) for the second dependent child . . . . . £60
- (d) for any other dependent child . . . . . £55

(3) Dependants' grant for an adult dependant other than a dependent spouse may be paid only where the student fulfils the conditions at (a) or (b) of paragraph (1).

(4) The maximum annual rates of dependants' grants shall be reduced by any income of the dependant.

(5) A two-homes grant of £90 shall be paid to a student who satisfies the condition at either (a) or (b) of paragraph (1), who is eligible for dependants' grants and who maintains an established home for his dependants at a place in the United Kingdom other than that at which he resides during the course.

(6) For the purposes of this Regulation—

“child” includes a person adopted in pursuance of adoption proceedings and a stepchild;

“income” means income (less income tax, National Insurance contributions and family allowances) for the year and for the purpose of calculating that income in the case of a spouse there shall be disregarded the first £100 and the amount of any payments made by the student in pursuance of obligations reasonably incurred by him before the commencement of the course to the extent that these payments have not already been deducted from the student's income for the purposes of Regulation 20.

18. Where in the board's opinion hardship would otherwise occur dependants' grants at rates not exceeding those specified in paragraph (2) of Regulation 17 and reduced in accordance with paragraph (4) of Regulation 17 may be paid to a student to whom Regulation 17 does not apply.

*Older student's allowance*

19. An older student's allowance of £29 for each complete year not exceeding five by which a student's age before the year in which the course begins exceeds 25 shall be paid to a student—

- (1) who attained the age of 26 years before the year in which the course begins; and



- (2) whose gross earnings in any three of the six years immediately preceding the year in which the course begins amounted to a sum which exceeded by not less than one-quarter the aggregate of £485 and the standard dependants' grants to which he is entitled under Regulations 17 or 18 other than under paragraph (5) of Regulation 17.

#### *Student's contribution*

**20.**—(1) The maximum allowable amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 14 shall be reduced, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) by the amount of any personal income of the student accruing during the year in respect of which the award is being assessed.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) personal income of the student shall be his income from all sources reduced by any deductions for income tax and National Insurance or graduated pension contributions and the following shall be disregarded—

- (a) the first £100 of income;
- (b) vacation earnings;
- (c) disability pensions not liable to income tax;
- (d) any income received in respect of service as a Reservist with the Armed Forces or in the Ulster Defence Regiment or in the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve;
- (e) covenanted payments made to a student by a parent in respect of whom a contribution is assessed;
- (f) grants for specific educational purposes for which provision is not made in the award;
- (g) competitive prizes paid as a single payment and which do not stipulate further study;
- (h) family allowances;
- (i) any benefit under the Supplementary Benefits Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(e);
- (j) in the case of a student who has no parent living and who does not satisfy the conditions of paragraph (1) of Regulation 17 £200 of any trust income as described in paragraph (2) of Regulation 23:

Provided that the amount disregarded under this sub-paragraph together with the amount disregarded under sub-paragraph (a) shall not exceed £200.

(3) in the case of a student who satisfies the conditions at (a) or (b) or (c) of Regulation 21 payments made by the student in pursuance of obligations reasonably incurred by him before the first year of the course shall be deducted from his personal income for the purpose of determining the student's contribution.

#### *Parental contribution*

**21.** The maximum allowable amount calculated in accordance with Regulation 14 shall be reduced by a contribution determined in accordance with Regulation 22 except in the case of a student—

- (a) who has supported himself out of his earnings for at least 3 years before the year in which the course begins; or

- (b) who is aged 25 years or over before the year in which the course begins; or
- (c) who being a woman student is married and is aged 21 years or over before the year in which the course begins; or
- (d) in respect of whom the board is satisfied that his parents cannot be found.

22.—(1) The parental contribution shall be determined for any year by reducing the gross income of the parent, computed in accordance with Regulation 23, by the amount of the deductions provided for in Regulation 24, and by applying the balance of income as follows—

- (a) Where the balance of income is not less than £1,500 and not more than £1,999 the parental contribution shall be £30 with the addition of £1 for every complete £5 by which it exceeds £1,500; and
- (b) where the balance of income is not less than £2,000 the parental contribution shall be £130 with the addition of £1 for every complete £10 by which it exceeds £2,000.

(2) Where two or more children of the parent hold scholarships under these Regulations or scholarships which the Ministry considers to be equivalent the contribution in respect of each shall be determined in accordance with arrangements approved by the Ministry.

(3) Where a parent is employed abroad the contribution shall be such as the board, with the approval of the Ministry, may determine.

(4) Where the parents do not ordinarily live together the parental contribution shall be determined by reference to the income of whichever parent the board in the circumstances considers to be more appropriate.

23.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of Regulation 22 and of paragraph (4) of this Regulation gross income for the purpose of Regulation 22 shall be the income of both parents from all sources, computed as for income tax purposes where United Kingdom income tax is payable except that in computing gross income no deduction shall be made which is of a kind for which separate provision is made in Regulation 24.

(2) Where trustees of property held in trust for a student pay, by virtue of subsections (1) and (2) of section 32 of the Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 1958(f) any income from that property to his parent or otherwise apply it for or towards his maintenance, education or benefit, the amount of income so paid or applied shall be deemed to be included in the gross income of the parent for the purpose of that paragraph.

(3) Any dividends or interest paid or credited to the parent by a building society which has entered into arrangements with the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under section 343(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act(g) shall be deemed to have been received by him after deduction of income tax at the reduced rate determined under those arrangements for the year of assessment in which the dividends or interest are paid or credited; and the amount deemed to have been so deducted shall be treated as part of his gross income.

(f) 1958. c. 23.

(g) 1970. c. 10.

(4) All income arising from an office or employment which by virtue of any enactment is as such exempt from tax shall be treated as part of the gross income for the purpose of this Regulation.

(5) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (6) and (7) gross income for the purpose of this Regulation shall be that of the fiscal year ending on 5th April immediately preceding the start of the year in respect of which the award is being assessed, hereinafter referred to as the "preceding fiscal year".

(6) Where the board is satisfied that the income of the parents in the next succeeding fiscal year, that is to say the fiscal year commencing on 6th April immediately preceding the start of the year in respect of which the award is being assessed, is likely to be not more than four-fifths of the income of the preceding fiscal year, the income for the next succeeding fiscal year may be taken for the purpose of paragraph (1).

(7) In any case where the income for the next succeeding fiscal year has been taken for the purpose of paragraph (1) the income shall continue to be determined, if the board so decides, by taking for each succeeding year in respect of which the award is being assessed the income for the fiscal year commencing on 6th April immediately preceding the start of that year.

24.—(1) To determine the balance of income in accordance with Regulation 22 the following deductions shall be made from gross income:—

(a) In respect of each child dependent on the parents other than the student and any other member of the family holding an equivalent scholarship—

(i) an allowance of £200 less the amount of any gross income available to the child in his own right;

(ii) expenditure incurred on school fees and other educational expenses up to a maximum of £200; and

(iii) expenditure on university and other further education (including professional training) not covered by other awards up to a maximum of £350;

(b) in respect of each adult dependent on the parents, an allowance equal to the value of the assistance given by the parent but not exceeding £200 less the amount of any other income of the dependant;

(c) mortgage interest on owner-occupied property and all other interest payments which are allowed for income tax purposes or any interest on a mortgage under the Option Mortgage Scheme;

(d) compulsory and voluntary contributions to pension or superannuation funds (excluding National Insurance and graduated pensions contributions) and life insurance premiums in respect of which relief is given under the Income Tax Acts up to a maximum of 15 per cent of gross income;

(e) the amount of any contribution to a dependants' pension scheme being a contribution in respect of which relief is given under the Income Tax Acts;

(f) where the parents are living together and are gainfully employed, the cost in wages of domestic assistance not exceeding the emoluments of the parent who earns the less, or £200, whichever is the less;

(g) where the parents are living together and one of them is incapacitated, the cost in wages of domestic assistance not exceeding £200;

- (h) where a parent whose marriage has terminated is either gainfully employed, or is incapacitated, the cost in wages of domestic assistance not exceeding £200;
- (i) gross payments under covenant (other than payments covenanted by a parent in favour of the student) subject to a maximum deduction of £200 in respect of each beneficiary;
- (j) where the parents live abroad in a place where the cost of living is higher than in the United Kingdom, such sum (if any) as the board may consider reasonable;
- (k) in the case of a parent who holds an award in respect of a course of full-time study, the amount by which the aggregate of the standard grant included in his award and £100 exceeds the sum payable in respect of that award.

(2) The deductions allowable from gross income under sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) shall relate to the academic year in respect of which the award is being assessed.

(3) The deductions allowable from gross income under sub-paragraphs (c) to (k) of paragraph (1) shall relate to the preceding fiscal year unless income for the next succeeding fiscal year is being taken into account in determining gross income, in which case they shall relate to the next succeeding fiscal year.

### *Woman students*

25. Where the marriage of a woman student is terminated during the course the value of the award shall not thereafter be less than it was before the marriage was terminated.

26.—(1) In the case of a woman student to whom any payment is due under paragraph (2) of Regulation 17 and whose marriage has terminated, whether before or during the course, then—

- (a) the amount of personal income to be disregarded under sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) of Regulation 20 shall be £200; or
- (b) an additional payment of £100 shall be made to her under paragraph (2) of Regulation 17; or
- (c) in the case of a student to whom Regulation 19 applies an additional payment shall be made to her under that Regulation—

whichever is the most favourable to her.

(2) In the case of a woman student whose marriage has terminated, the board may disregard for the purposes of Regulation 20 £300 of her income in respect of her first dependent child and £100 in respect of every other dependent child if this should prove more advantageous to the student than the payment of dependants' grants under Regulation 17.

### *Appeals*

27. In any case where a board has refused to make an award or has suspended or terminated an award or has withheld or reduced any payment normally due in respect of an award an appeal may be made to the Ministry and the Ministry, after consultation with the board and where appropriate the academic authorities, may give such direction as it thinks proper.

*Existing awards*

28. A student who held an award on 30th September 1973 under the provisions of a Scheme made by an Education Committee regulating the making of University and Further Education Awards shall continue to hold the award under the provisions of these Regulations. The value of any such continuing award shall be determined under the provisions of these Regulations or under the provisions of the former Scheme, whichever is the more advantageous to the student.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Education for Northern Ireland this 28th day of September 1973.

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Deputy Secretary.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE.

*(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations make provision for boards to make awards to students attending specified courses at universities and other institutions and set out the rates of grants payable to students and the conditions under which they may be paid.