

## **EXECUTIVE NOTE**

### **The Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2006 SSI/2006/317**

The above instrument was made in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 75A(9) and (10) and 75B of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980. The instrument is subject to negative resolution.

#### **Policy Objectives**

The policy objective of this Regulation is to amend the Education (Assisted Places) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 to uprate the qualifying parental income levels for the remission of fees and charges and the making of grants under the Assisted Places Scheme.

The parental income scales (which determine the level of support received by individual parents through the scheme) are increased annually in order to ensure, as far as possible, that parental contributions remain a constant proportion of salary. The increase is usually based on movement in the Retail Price Index (RPI) and therefore this Regulation brings into effect a 2.7% increase for the school session 2006/07, in line with inflation.

The 2.7% RPI modification to the parental contribution tables consequently affect increases in grants in respect of expenditure on clothing and school travel.

#### **Consultation**

The following have been consulted during the preparation of a draft of the instrument in accordance with the requirements of section 75A(11) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.

- Scottish Council of Independent Schools  
All independent schools participating in the scheme
- Fettes College,
  - Kilgraston School

#### **Financial Effects**

The instrument creates no additional cost for the Scottish Executive.