EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations consolidate the Graduate Endowment (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (S.S.I. 2001/280) and certain amending instruments, which are revoked with transitional provisions by the Education (Graduate Endowment, Student Fees and Support) (Scotland) Revocation Regulations 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/148).

In addition to minor and drafting alterations, these Regulations clarify the definition of "full time course of higher education" and insert a new definition for "employment" (including "employed").

New definitions have also been inserted for "EU overseas territories" and "EU overseas territories national". An amendment has been made to Schedule 1 to ensure that any national of EU overseas territories who has received funding in respect of fees is liable to pay the graduate endowment.

Regulation 9 includes provisions to enable the Scottish Ministers to make it a condition of entitlement to payment of a loan that the liable graduate provides a United Kingdom national insurance number.

Regulation 11 sets out in more detail the information that may be required by the Scottish Ministers.

Tables of Derivations and Destinations have been prepared identifying individual regulations in these Regulations with the equivalent provisions in the superseded Regulations and vice versa. Copies of the Tables may be obtained from the Scottish Executive, Higher Education and Learner Support Division, Europa Building, 450 Argyle Street Glasgow, G2 8LG. The Tables have been prepared to assist readers of these Regulations and do not have any legal effect.