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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make amendments to the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (“the 2003 Regulations”).

Regulation 2(2) makes amendments in relation to student funding. Regulation 2(2)(a) updates references to student funding regulations in England. Regulation 2(2)(b) provides that student bursaries paid on behalf of the Scottish Ministers are to be disregarded from the assessment of an eligible student’s income when determining whether or not the student is entitled to the payment of travel expenses and the remission of charges under the 2003 Regulations. Regulation 2(2)(c) and (d) update references to student funding regulations in Wales.

Regulation 2(3) makes a further amendment in relation to students who are eligible for assistance from the Scottish Ministers. If a student is eligible for a student loan, the maximum amount of loan which would be available to a student studying on the same course will be included in the assessment of that student’s income for the purposes of calculating entitlement to the payment of travel expenses and the remission of charges under the 2003 Regulations, regardless of whether that student is actually in receipt of that maximum amount.