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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Education (Student Loans for Tuition Fees) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (“the 2006 Regulations”) (S.S.I. 2006/333) and the Education (Student Loans) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 (S.S.I. 2007/154).

Regulation 2 amends regulation 3 of the 2006 Regulations (eligible students) to remove the reference to persons who hold a first degree from an educational institution in the United Kingdom or a comparable qualification from an educational institution outside the United Kingdom.

Regulation 3 amends the definition of “loan” in regulation 2 of the 2007 Regulations (interpretation) to provide that references to “loan” mean, for a student undertaking a full-time vocational course leading to a Postgraduate Diploma or a Postgraduate masters degree, a loan towards that student’s tuition fees or a loan towards that student’s maintenance. It also substitutes regulation 3(2A) to provide that the age restrictions in paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 3 do not apply when assessing the eligibility of such a student for a loan towards that student’s tuition fees. The age restrictions will continue to apply when assessing the eligibility of such a student for a loan towards that student’s maintenance.