
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations restructure and consolidate, with amendments, the St Mary's Music School (Aided Places) Regulations 1986 which, with Regulations amending them, are revoked by regulation 17.

The Regulations come into force on 1st August 1989. The Regulations provide for the payment of allowances to St Mary's Music School, Edinburgh to reimburse them for their expenditure in respect of fees and charges remitted and grants made in operating the aided pupil scheme described in Schedule 1.

Changes of substance are described below. Regulations 1 and 2 make general provision for citation and commencement and interpretation.

Regulations 3 to 16 deal with reimbursement claims, conditions of payment of allowances and requirements as to the supply of information and fees and other miscellaneous matters. Part I of the Scheme in Schedule 1 provides for definitions relevant to the Scheme and Part II deals with eligibility for remission of fees (including conditions as to residence (paragraph 3); age (paragraph 4); education (paragraph 5) and income (paragraph 6)). Part III of the Scheme deals with the remission of fees.

The extent of remission is determined by reference to relevant income and the deduction for each dependent child and relative which is to be made from relevant income has been increased from £950 to £1,000 (paragraph 10). The level of income at or below which fees are to be wholly remitted is increased from £6,248 to £6,529 for boarders, with corresponding increases in the income scales to determine the parental contribution to fees (paragraph 13).

For day pupils the relevant income is increased from £7,849 to £8,203 (paragraph 14). Part IV of the Scheme deals with the incidental expenses of pupils holding aided places and provides for the remission of charges for meals (paragraph 17) and certain field study courses (paragraph 26), and for making grants in respect of expenditure on clothing (paragraph 18), and school travel (paragraphs 19 to 24).

The following changes of substance have been made in Part IV:—

- (a) school travel grant is paid in full where the relevant income does not exceed £7,595 (formerly £7,271) and scaled down where relevant income exceeds that figure; and
- (b) the limit of relevant income for clothing grant in the pupil's first year is raised from £8,078 to £8,450, with corresponding increases in the maximum amount of grant payable where relevant income is below that figure, varying from £129 to £32 (formerly £123 and £31); and in subsequent years from £7,741 to £8,097 with maximum grants of £48 and £24 (formerly £46 and 23). References to the relevant income tax legislation in the Appendix to the Scheme are updated and amended to ensure that income arising from a maintenance payment continues to count as part of the recipient's total income (paragraph 5 of the Appendix to the Scheme).