
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which come into force on 1st September 1991, supersede the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1990 (as amended by the Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991) which are revoked (regulation 6(1)).

Provisions in these Regulations (whether introduced by the Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 or by these Regulations) which differ from the corresponding provisions of the 1990 Regulations (except as a result of minor drafting or consequential changes) are indicated by the use of heavy type. Omissions are indicated by the use of dots. The changes of substance made by these Regulations other than the changes in the rates of grant are described below.

Provision has been made for the apportionment of payments between the 1990 and 1991 rates in respect of courses not commencing in the autumn at the University of Buckingham, which has four terms (regulation 6(4)). The definition of a year has been amended accordingly (regulation 2).

Provisions which are redundant after the coming into force of the Education (Areas to which Pupils and Students Belong) Regulations 1989 have been removed; provisions allocating students not covered by those Regulations have been retained and amended where necessary (regulation 9).

The Secretary of State is empowered to designate courses leading to the Diploma of Higher Education provided by establishments which are neither maintained nor assisted by recurrent grants out of public funds (regulation 10(1)(b)(iii)).

The time limits for payment of fees have been specified (regulation 24(4)).

Differentiated fees have been introduced, so that higher fees are payable in respect of courses with a substantial laboratory and workshop component, or courses leading to the Postgraduate Certificate in Education or the pre-clinical elements of courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary science; yet higher fees are payable in respect of the clinical training elements of such courses (Schedule 1 paragraph (a)(1) to (3)). Some other detailed changes have been made to the maximum level of fees payable in respect of particular courses (Schedule 1 paragraph (2)).

Students undertaking unpaid service in the prison service and students attending an international course and undertaking unpaid research outside the UK can now receive payments pursuant to their awards while doing so (Schedule 5 paragraph 1(1)(c) and (e)).