EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Education (Grants for Education Support and Training) Regulations 1994 to enable grant to be paid at 100% in respect of certification expenses incurred by local education authorities under section 42A of the Education Reform Act 1988 (item 3(c) in the Schedule). Item 3 in the Schedule (support and training for the preparation and implementation of schemes for financing county and voluntary schools, and support for the administration of such schemes) is also extended to Wales.

Item 19 in the Schedule is amended to enable grant to be paid for the support and training of teachers and others employed in schools in developing policies for pupils with special educational needs in England.

The Regulations also enable the Secretary of State to require a local education authority to whom a payment of grant in respect of item 21 in the Schedule (support, equipment and training for the teaching of mathematics, science and technology in technology colleges in England) is made to delegate decisions about the spending of grant to persons determined in accordance with the Regulations.

The Regulations also make minor amendments to regulation 6 and to item 18 in the Schedule.