EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations consolidate, with only minor and drafting amendments, the Students' Allowances (Scotland) Regulations 1991 ("the 1991 Regulations") and subsequent amending instruments. They enable the Secretary of State to pay allowances to persons attending courses of education who fulfil certain criteria as to eligibility and they prescribe the conditions and requirements subject to which allowances may be paid.

The eligibility criteria are detailed in Schedule 1, whilst Schedule 2 makes provision as to when a person is to be treated as ordinarily resident in a place for or at a particular time.

Regulation 7 revokes the 1991 Regulations but provides for these to continue to apply as regards allowances awarded before their revocation.