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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) Regulations 1997 (“the 1997 Regulations”) in respect of a school year beginning on or after 1st September 1999. The 1997 Regulations provide for the payment of grants as regards incidental expenses, and for the remission of incidental expenses, in respect of pupils eligible to continue to hold assisted places by virtue of section 2 of the Education (Schools) Act 1997, notwithstanding the abolition of the assisted places scheme by section 1 of that Act.

Regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations is substituted. The new regulation 2 relaxes the means test and increases the amount of grant payable for uniform grant in respect of clothing expenditure incurred in relation to the 1999/2000 and subsequent school years. It does not reproduce the provisions of the original regulation 2 under which uniform grant was payable during the 1997/98 school year at an enhanced rate for a pupil who first took up an assisted place in that year in respect of clothing expenditure incurred in that year.

The means test (set out in regulation 4 of the 1997 Regulations) for travel grant is relaxed and the amount of grant payable increased.