EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which are made under section 2 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983, amend the Education (Fees and Awards) Regulations 1997 to make it lawful for the Teacher Training Agency and institutions funded by it under s.5 of the Education Act 1994 to adopt rules of eligibility for awards to students training to become teachers which confine eligibility to persons having the connection with the United Kingdom specified in paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 to 8 of the Schedule to those Regulations. Those persons are those who are settled in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Immigration Act 1971 and who have been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands other than for the purpose of receiving full-time education for the period of three years before the relevant date specified in regulation 6A(3); refugees; nationals of member states of the European Community and their children who have been ordinarily resident in the European Economic Area (EEA) other than for the purposes of receiving full-time education for three years; and EEA migrant workers, their spouses and children, who have been ordinarily resident in the EEA other than for the purposes of receiving full-time education for three years.