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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, made under the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998, come into force on 24th July 2001. They amend the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2001 (“the Student Support Regulations”).

Provision is made to ensure that persons undertaking courses leading to a qualification in a healthcare profession (other than as a medical doctor or dentist) who are entitled to means-tested benefits under sections 73(f) and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 are not eligible for grant for fees (*regulation 4*) or grants for living costs (*regulation 5*). Similar provision is made in respect of part-time students (*regulation 9*).

Regulation 15(8) of the Student Support Regulations has been amended so that a student who has made an election under regulation 15(6) to be ineligible for grant under regulation 16, will not be eligible to receive the travel, books and equipment grant under this regulation (*regulation 6*).

Regulation 16(3) of the Student Support Regulations has been modified with the effect that where a dependent child’s net income exceeds the maximum applicable amount under regulation 15(1), this income less the sum of £950 will be offset against the grant for childcare costs (*regulation 8*).

An extra sub-paragraph has been added to paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 3 to the Student Support Regulations so that any allowance paid under sections 73(f) and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 in connection with a course leading to a qualification in a healthcare profession, as described above, shall be disregarded (*regulation 10(a)*).

Paragraph 1(1)(u) of Schedule 3 to the Student Support Regulations has been amended so that any payments made to students out of hardship funds paid to institutions in Scotland or out of access funds paid to institutions in Northern Ireland will also be disregarded (*regulation 10(b)*).

These Regulations also correct a minor drafting error.