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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992 (S.I.1992/1814), the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1971), the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1967) and the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/207) ("the Income-related Benefits Regulations") in so far as they relate to students and sums to be disregarded in the calculation of their entitlement to benefit under the Income-related Benefits Regulations.

The Income-related Benefits Regulations are amended to increase the amounts of grant and loan income to be disregarded in respect of travel costs and the costs of books and equipment. They are also amended to take account of changes to the provision of support to students.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.