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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2007 No. 176**

**The Education (Student Support) Regulations 2007**

**PART 1**

**GENERAL**

**Citation, commencement, application and extent**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2007 and come into force on 1st March 2007.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), these Regulations apply in relation to England<sup>(1)</sup>.

(3) Regulation 91(1) also applies in relation to Wales.

(4) Regulation 91(2) extends to Northern Ireland.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 1962 Act” means the Education Act 1962<sup>(2)</sup>;

“the 1998 Act” means the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998;

“the 2004 Act” means the Higher Education Act 2004<sup>(3)</sup>;

“the 1998 Regulations” means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 1998<sup>(4)</sup>;

“the 1999 Regulations” means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 1999<sup>(5)</sup>;

“the 2000 Regulations” means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000<sup>(6)</sup>;

“the 2001 Regulations” means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2001<sup>(7)</sup>;

“the 2002 Regulations” means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2002<sup>(8)</sup>;

“the 2003 Regulations” means the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002<sup>(9)</sup> as amended only by the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (Amendment)

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(1) In relation to Wales, the functions of the Secretary of State under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales under section 44 of the Higher Education Act 2004 except so far as they relate to the making of any provision authorised by subsection (2)(a), (c), (j) or (k), (3)(e) or (f) or (5) of section 22.

(2) 1962 c. 12; sections 1 to 4 and Schedule 1 were substituted by the provisions set out in Schedule 5 to the Education Act 1980 (c. 20). Section 1(3)(d) was amended by the Education (Grants and Awards) Act 1984 (c. 11), section 4. Section 4 was amended by the Education Act 1994 (c. 30), Schedule 2, paragraph 2. The entire Act was repealed by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), section 44(2) and Schedule 4, subject to the transitional provisions and savings set out in the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/3237), article 3.

(3) 2004 c. 8, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(4) S.I. 1998/2003.

(5) S.I. 1999/496, amended by S.I. 1999/2266 and S.I. 2000/1120.

(6) S.I. 2000/1121, amended by S.I. 2000/1490, S.I. 2000/2142 and S.I. 2000/2912.

(7) S.I. 2001/951, amended by S.I. 2001/1730, S.I. 2001/2355 and S.I. 2002/174.

(8) S.I. 2002/195, amended by S.I. 2002/1318, S.I. 2002/2088 and S.I. 2002/3059.

(9) S.I. 2002/3200.

Regulations 2003(10) and the Education (Student Fees and Support) (Switzerland) Regulations 2003(11);

“the 2004 Regulations” means the 2003 Regulations as amended by the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2004(12), the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2004(13), the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2004(14), the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2004(15), the Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2005(16), the Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2005(17) and the Education (Student Support) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2005(18);

“the 2005 Regulations” means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2005(19);

“the 2006 Regulations” means the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2006(20);

“academic authority” means, in relation to an institution, the governing body or other body having the functions of a governing body and includes a person acting with the authority of that body;

“academic year” means the period of twelve months beginning on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July or 1st September of the calendar year in which the academic year of the course in question begins according to whether that academic year begins on or after 1st January and before 1st April, on or after 1st April and before 1st July, on or after 1st July and before 1st August or on or after 1st August and on or before 31st December, respectively;

“accelerated course” means a course which persons undertaking it are normally required by the institution providing it to attend (whether at premises of the institution or elsewhere) for a period of at least 40 weeks in the final year, being a course of two academic years’ duration;

“borrower” means a person to whom a loan has been made;

“bursary year” means an academic year of a course—

- (a) in relation to which the student is eligible to receive any payment under a healthcare bursary the amount of which is calculated by reference to his income; or
- (b) in relation to which the student is eligible to receive a Scottish healthcare allowance the amount of which is calculated by reference to his income;

“college fee loan” means a loan for college fees payable to a qualifying student pursuant to regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 22 of the 1998 Act;

“compressed degree course” means a course determined in accordance with paragraph (2) to be a compressed degree course;

“compressed degree student” means an eligible student who—

- (a) is undertaking a compressed degree course in the United Kingdom (the “course”);
- (b) either—

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(10) S.I. 2003/1065.

(11) S.I. 2003/3280.

(12) S.I. 2004/161.

(13) S.I. 2004/1602.

(14) S.I. 2004/2041.

(15) S.I. 2004/2598.

(16) S.I. 2005/5.

(17) S.I. 2005/1341.

(18) S.I. 2005/2084.

(19) S.I. 2005/52, as amended by S.I. 2005/1341, S.I. 2005/2084, S.I. 2005/3482 and S.I. 2006/955

(20) S.I. 2006/119, as amended by S.I. 2006/955 and S.I. 2006/1745

- (i) began the course on or after 1st September 2006 and is continuing on that course after 31st August 2007; or
- (ii) begins the course on or after 1st September 2007; and
- (c) either—
  - (i) is required to be in attendance on the course for part of the academic year for which he is applying for support; or
  - (ii) is a disabled student who is not required to be in attendance on the course because he is unable to attend for a reason which relates to his disability;

“contribution” means an eligible student’s contribution calculated pursuant to regulation 92 and Schedule 5;

“course for the initial training of teachers” includes such a course leading to a first degree unless otherwise indicated but excludes an employment-based teacher training scheme;

“current course” means the designated course in respect of which a person is applying for support;

“current part-time course” means the designated part-time course in respect of which a person is applying for support;

“current postgraduate course” means the designated postgraduate course in respect of which a person is applying for support;

“current system student” means an eligible student who—

- (a) is not an old system student; and
- (b) either—
  - (i) began the current course on or after 1st September 2006 and is continuing on that course after 31st August 2007; or
  - (ii) begins the current course on or after 1st September 2007;

“designated course” means a course designated by regulation 6 or by the Secretary of State under regulation 6;

“designated part-time course” means a course designated by regulation 112 or by the Secretary of State under regulation 112;

“designated postgraduate course” means a course designated by regulation 129 or by the Secretary of State under regulation 129;

“disabled part-time students’ allowance” means the grant payable under regulation 118;

“disabled students’ allowance” means the grant payable under regulation 40;

“Directive 2004/38” means Directive 2004/38 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29th April 2004(21) on the rights of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely in the territory of the Member States;

“EC national” means a national of a Member State of the European Community;

“electronic signature” is so much of anything in electronic form as—

- (a) is incorporated into or otherwise logically associated with any electronic communication or electronic data; and
- (b) purports to be so incorporated or associated for the purpose of being used in establishing the authenticity of the communication or data, the integrity of the communication or data, or both;

“eligible part-time student” has the meaning given in regulation 110;

“eligible postgraduate student” has the meaning given in regulation 127;

“eligible student” has the meaning given in paragraph (3);

“employment-based teacher training scheme” means—

- (a) a scheme established by the Secretary of State whereby a person may undertake initial teacher training in order to obtain qualified teacher status while being employed to teach at a school, city college, Academy, independent school or other institution except a pupil referral unit; or
- (b) a scheme established by the National Assembly for Wales whereby persons who are or who have been employed in a school or other educational institution except a pupil referral unit may become qualified teachers;

“end-on course” means—

- (a) a full-time first degree course (other than a first degree course for the initial training of teachers) which, disregarding any intervening vacation, a student begins immediately after ceasing to attend a full-time course mentioned in paragraph 2 or 3 of Schedule 3 for which the student received or was entitled to receive a transitional award, a loan under the 1998 Regulations or support under the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006 Regulations;
- (b) a full-time honours degree course beginning on or after 1st September 2006 which, disregarding any intervening vacation, a student begins immediately after ceasing to attend a full-time foundation degree course and for which the student received or was entitled to receive a transitional award, a loan under the 1998 Regulations or support under the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006 Regulations;
- (c) a course for the initial training of teachers beginning before 1st September 2006 the duration of which does not exceed two years (the duration of a part-time course being expressed as its full-time equivalent) which, disregarding any intervening vacation, a student begins immediately after ceasing to attend a first degree course for which the student received or was entitled to receive a transitional award, a loan under the 1998 Regulations or support under the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 or 2005 Regulations;

“Erasmus year” means an academic year of a course during which a student is participating in the action scheme of the European Community for the mobility of university students known as ERASMUS(22) and where the student’s course is a course referred to in regulation 6(1)(d) and all the periods of study during the academic year are at an institution outside the United Kingdom;

“European Community” means the territory comprised by the Member States of the European Community as constituted from time to time;

“fee contribution loan” means a loan for fees made to an old system student pursuant to regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 22 of the 1998 Act;

“fee loan” means a loan for fees made to a current system student pursuant to regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 22 of the 1998 Act;

“fees” has the meaning given in section 41(1) of the 2004 Act except in references to college fees;

“fee support” means a grant for fees pursuant to regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 22 of the 1998 Act, a fee contribution loan or a fee loan;

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(22) ERASMUS is part of the European Community action programme SOCRATES; OJ No L28, 3.2.2000, p1.

“flexible postgraduate course for the initial training of teachers” means a graduate-entry or postgraduate-level course for the initial training of teachers, the length and pattern of which is determined by reference to the eligible student’s experience and training requirements and which has been approved by the Training and Development Agency for Schools(23);

“former Metropolitan Police District” means—

(a) Greater London, excluding the city of London, the Inner Temple and the Middle Temple;

(b) in the county of Essex, in the district of Epping Forest—

the area of the former urban district of Chigwell,

the parish of Waltham Abbey;

(c) in the county of Hertfordshire—

in the borough of Broxbourne, the area of the former urban district of Cheshunt,

the district of Hertsmere,

in the district of Welwyn Hatfield, the parish of Northaw; and

(d) in the county of Surrey—

in the borough of Elmbridge, the area of the former urban district of Esher,

the boroughs of Epsom and Ewell and Spelthorne,

in the district of Reigate and Banstead, the area of the former urban district of Banstead;

“gap year student” has the meaning given in paragraph (5);

“grant for living and other costs” means a grant payable under Part 5;

“healthcare bursary” means a bursary or award of similar description under section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968(24) or Article 44 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(25);

“higher education course” means a course referred to in Schedule 3 or a postgraduate or other course the standard of which is higher than the standard of a first degree course;

“household income” has the meaning given in Schedule 5;

“information” includes documents;

“Institute” means the University of London Institute in Paris(26);

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(23) This body was originally established under section 1 of the Education Act 1994 (c. 30) as the Teacher Training Agency. By virtue of section 74 of the Education Act 2005 (c. 18), it continues in existence but is known instead as the Training and Development Agency for Schools.

(24) 1968 c. 46; section 63 was amended by the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1972 (c. 58), Schedule 7, the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 (c. 32), Schedules 4 and 5, the National Health Service Act 1977 (c. 49), Schedules 15 and 16, the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c. 29), Schedules 16 and 17, the Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51), Schedule 17, the Health and Medicines Act 1988 (c. 49), section 20, section 25(2) and Schedule 3, the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39), Schedule 13, the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c. 17), Schedule 1, the Local Government Reorganisation (Wales) (Consequential Amendments No. 2) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1008), the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997 (c. 46), Schedule 2, the Health Act 1999 (c. 8), Schedule 4, the Health and Social Care Act 2001 (c. 15), Schedule 5, the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (c. 17), Schedules 2, 5 and 9, the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002/2202), article 4, the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (Supplementary, Consequential etc Provisions) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2469), Schedule 1, the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), Schedules 4, 11 and 14, the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 Commencement (No. 2) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/288), article 7, the Children Act 2004 (c. 31), section 55, article 6 and the Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2004 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/957), the Schedule. Amendments made to section 63 by the National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), Schedule 1, do not come into force until 1st March 2007.

(25) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14), to which there have been amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(26) The University of London Institute in Paris was formerly known as the British Institute in Paris. The British Institute in Paris formally changed its name on 1st January 2005.

“intensive course” means an accelerated course or a compressed degree course;

“Islands” means the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man;

“loan”, except where otherwise indicated, means a loan pursuant to regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 22 of the 1998 Act, including the interest accrued on the loan and any penalties or charges incurred in connection with it;

“loan for living costs” means a loan for living costs pursuant to regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 22 of the 1998 Act;

“maintained school” means a community, foundation or voluntary school, a community or foundation special school or a maintained nursery school;

“old award” is an award within the meaning of the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 2003(27);

“old system student” means an eligible student who—

- (a) began the current course before 1st September 2006 and is continuing on that course after 31st August 2007;
- (b) is a gap year student in relation to the current course;
- (c) began the current course on or after 1st September 2006 where that course is an end-on course (other than one of the kind referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of “end-on course” in this regulation) following on from—
  - (i) a course that he began before 1st September 2006; or
  - (ii) a course that he began before 1st September 2007 and in relation to which he was a gap year student; or
- (d) began the current course on or after 1st September 2006 having had his status as an eligible student transferred to that course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Secretary of State pursuant to regulations made by him under section 22 of the 1998 Act from a designated course in connection with which the Secretary of State determined him to be an eligible student and which he began—
  - (i) before 1st September 2006; or
  - (ii) before 1st September 2007 and in relation to which he was a gap year student;

“ordinary duration” means, in relation to a designated course, the number of academic years that a standard student would take to complete the designated course excluding any academic years of the course that are bursary years or Erasmus years;

“period of eligibility” has the meaning given respectively in regulation 7 in relation to an eligible student, in regulation 113 in relation to an eligible part-time student and in regulation 130 in relation to an eligible postgraduate student;

“periods of work experience” means—

- (a) periods of industrial, professional or commercial experience associated with full-time study at an institution, but at a place outside that institution;
- (b) periods during which a student is employed and residing in a country whose language is one that he is studying for his course (provided that the period of residence in that country is a requirement of his course and the study of one or more modern languages accounts for not less than one half of the total time spent studying on the course);

“person with leave to enter or remain” means a person—

- (a) who has been informed by a person acting under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Home Department that, although he is considered not to qualify for recognition as a refugee, it is thought right to allow him to enter or remain in the United Kingdom;
- (b) who has been granted leave to enter or remain accordingly;
- (c) whose period of leave to enter or remain has not expired or has been renewed and the period for which it was renewed has not expired or in respect of whose leave to enter or remain an appeal is pending (within the meaning of section 104 of the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002<sup>(28)</sup>); and
- (d) who has been ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom and Islands throughout the period since he was granted leave to enter or remain;

“preliminary course” means a course mentioned in paragraph 2 or 3 of Schedule 3 that is taken before a full-time degree course (other than a first degree course for the initial training of teachers) or a foundation degree course that is taken before a full-time honours degree course, as the case may be;

“private institution” means an institution which is not publicly funded;

“public funds” means moneys provided by Parliament;

“publicly-funded”, unless otherwise indicated, means maintained or assisted by recurrent grants out of public funds and related expressions are to be interpreted accordingly;

“qualified teacher” has the meaning given in section 132(1) of the Education Act 2002<sup>(29)</sup>;

“qualifying course” means a full-time designated course which is provided by the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge and—

- (a) is listed in regulation 6(6);
- (b) leads to qualification as a social worker; or
- (c) any academic year of which is a bursary year;

“qualifying student” means a person who satisfies the criteria in regulation 80;

“qualifying year of study” means an academic year of a designated course—

- (a) in respect of which the student qualified for fee support (even if the amount was nil);
- (b) that was a bursary year; or
- (c) in respect of which the student would have qualified for fee support (even if the amount would have been nil) if he had been an eligible student or the current course had been designated at the beginning of that year;

“quarter” in relation to an academic year means a period in that year—

- (a) beginning on 1st January and ending on 31st March;
- (b) beginning on 1st April and ending on 30th June;
- (c) beginning on 1st July and ending on 31st August; or
- (d) beginning on 1st September and ending on 31st December;

“refugee” means a person who is recognised by Her Majesty’s government as a refugee within the meaning of the United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees done at Geneva on 28th July 1951<sup>(30)</sup> as extended by the Protocol thereto which entered into force on 4th October 1967<sup>(31)</sup>;

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<sup>(28)</sup> 2002 c.41. Section 104 was amended by the [Asylum and Immigration \(Treatment of Claimants, etc\) Act 2004](#) (c. 19, Schedules 2 and 4 and the Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Act 2006 (c. 13), section 9.

<sup>(29)</sup> 2002 c. 32.

<sup>(30)</sup> Cmnd. 9171.

“Research Council” means any of the following research councils—

- (a) Arts and Humanities Research Council,
- (b) Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council,
- (c) Economic and Social Research Council,
- (d) Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council,
- (e) Medical Research Council,
- (f) Natural Environment Research Council,
- (g) Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council;

“right of permanent residence” means a right arising under Directive 2004/38 to reside in the United Kingdom permanently without restriction;

“sandwich course” has the meaning given in paragraph (9);

“Scottish healthcare allowance” means any allowance under sections 73(f) and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980(32) granted in respect of a person on a course leading to a qualification in a healthcare profession other than as a medical doctor or dentist;

“specified designated course” has the meaning given in paragraph (10);

“standard academic year”, unless otherwise indicated, means an academic year of a designated course (other than an academic year that is a bursary year or an Erasmus year) that would be taken (in whole or in part) by a person who does not repeat any part of the course as from 1st September 2006 and who enters the course at the same point as the eligible student;

“standard student” is a student who is to be taken—

- (a) to have begun the designated course on the same date as the eligible student in question;
- (b) not to be excused any part of the course;
- (c) not to repeat any part of the course; and
- (d) not to be absent from the course other than during vacations;

“statutory award” means any award bestowed, grant paid or other support provided by virtue of the 1998 Act or the 1962 Act, or any comparable award, grant or other support in respect of undertaking a course which is paid out of public funds;

“student loans legislation” means the Education (Student Loans) Act 1990(33), the Education (Student Loans) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990(34), the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and regulations made under those Acts or that Order, the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(35) and regulations made under that Order or the 1998 Act and regulations made under that Act;

“support” means financial support by way of grant or loan made by the Secretary of State pursuant to regulations made by him under section 22 of the 1998 Act;

“transitional award” means an award made under the Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 1998(36) other than an old award;

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(31) Cmnd. 3906 (out of print; photocopies are available, free of charge, from the Student Finance Policy Division, Department for Education and Skills, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington DL3 9BG).

(32) 1980 c. 44; section 73(f) was amended by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), section 29(1) and the Education (Graduate Endowment and Student Support) (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 6), section 3(2). Section 74 was amended by the Self Governing Schools etc. (Scotland) Act 1989 (c. 39), Schedule 10, paragraph 8(17). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(33) 1990 c. 6; repealed by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), Schedule 4.

(34) S.I. 1990/1506 (N.I. 11), amended by S.I. 1996/274 (N.I. 1), Article 43 and Schedule 5 Part II, S.I. 1996/1918 (N.I. 15), Article 3 and the Schedule and S.I. 1998/258 (N.I. 1), Articles 3 to 6 and revoked, with savings, by SR (NI) 1998 No 306.

(35) S.I. 1998/1760 (N.I. 14), to which there have been amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(36) S.I. 1998/1166, amended by S.I. 1998/1972 and revoked with savings by S.I. 1999/1494.



“type 1 teacher training student” means a current system student on a course for the initial training of teachers (other than a course for a first degree) whose periods of full-time attendance (including attendance for the purpose of teaching practice) in the academic year in respect of which he is applying for support are in aggregate at least 6 weeks but less than 10 weeks; and “type 2 teacher training student” means a current system student on a course for the initial training of teachers (other than a course for a first degree) whose periods of full-time attendance (including attendance for the purpose of teaching practice) in the academic year in respect of which he is applying for support are in aggregate 10 weeks or more.

(2) The Secretary of State may determine that a course is a compressed degree course if, in his opinion, that course is—

- (a) a course for a first degree (other than a foundation degree);
- (b) a full-time course designated under regulation 6(1); and
- (c) of two academic years’ duration;

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), “eligible student” has the meaning given in regulation 5.

(4) For the purposes of the college fee loan, references to an eligible student in regulations 7, 8, 9, 91 and Schedule 4 include a person treated as an eligible student by virtue of regulation 81.

(5) In these Regulations, a person is a “gap year student” in relation to a course provided by or on behalf of an institution that was publicly funded as at 1st August 2005 if he meets the conditions in paragraph (6) or (8).

(6) The conditions are—

- (a) the person had on or before 1st August 2005 received an offer, whether conditional on obtaining specified qualifications or not, of a place on the current course or a similar course; and
- (b) the first academic year of the current course began on or after 1st September 2006 but before 1st September 2007.

(7) In paragraph (6), a course (the “original course”) is similar to the current course if—

- (a) it appears to the governing body of the institution providing the current course that the subject-matter of the course is in whole or in part the same as the subject-matter of the original course; and
- (b) except where the original course is no longer being provided, the current course is provided by the institution which was to have provided the original course.

(8) The conditions are—

- (a) the person had received an offer of a place on a designated course (whether or not at the same institution as the current course) the first academic year of which began before 1st September 2006;
- (b) he was unable to take up the offer because a specified qualification or grade was not awarded to him;
- (c) he appealed against the decision not to award him the qualification or grade;
- (d) the appeal was allowed after the last date on which he could have taken up the offer;
- (e) as a result, he was offered a place on the current course; and
- (f) the first academic year of the current course began on or after 1st September 2006 but before 1st September 2007.

(9) In these Regulations—

- (a) a course is a “sandwich course” if—
  - (i) it is not a course for the initial training of teachers;

- (ii) it consists of alternate periods of full-time study in an institution and periods of work experience; and
- (iii) taking the course as a whole, the student attends the periods of full-time study for an average of not less than 18 weeks in each year;
- (b) in calculating the student's attendance for the purposes of paragraph (a), the course is to be treated as beginning with the first period of full-time study and ending with the last such period; and
- (c) for the purposes of paragraph (a), where periods of full-time study and work experience alternate within any week of the course, the days of full-time study are aggregated with each other and with any weeks of full-time study in determining the number of weeks of full-time study in each year.

(10) In these Regulations, the "specified designated course" means the current course subject to paragraphs (11) and (12).

(11) Where the student's status as an eligible student has been transferred to the current course as a result of one or more transfers of that status by the Secretary of State from a course (the "initial course") in connection with which the Secretary of State determined the student to be an eligible student pursuant to regulations made by him under section 22 of the 1998 Act, the specified designated course is the initial course.

(12) Where the current course is an end-on course, the specified designated course is the course in relation to which the current course is an end-on course (the "preceding course"). Where the preceding course is itself an end-on course, the specified designated course is the course in relation to which the preceding course is an end-on course.

### **Amendment of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2006**

3. The 2006 Regulations are amended in accordance with Schedule 1.

### **Revocation, savings and transitional provisions**

4.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the following regulations are revoked on 1st September 2007—

- (a) the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2006(37);
- (b) the Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2006(38);
- (c) the Education (Student Support) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2006(39);
- (d) regulation 3.

(2) Paragraph (3) of regulation 3 of the 2006 Regulations continues to apply.

(3) The 2006 Regulations continue to apply to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which begins on or after 1st September 2006 but before 1st September 2007.

(4) Regulation 90 applies to loans with effect from 1st September 2007.

(5) With the exception of regulation 3, these Regulations apply in relation to the provision of support to students in relation to an academic year which begins on or after 1st September 2007 whether anything done under these Regulations is done before, on or after 1st September 2007.

(6) Despite any other provision in these Regulations where—

- (a) a person attends a course in respect of which a transitional award was bestowed on him; or

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(37) [S.I. 2006/119](#).

(38) [S.I. 2006/955](#).

(39) [S.I. 2006/1745](#).

- (b) no award under the 1962 Act was bestowed in respect of the course but a transitional award would have been bestowed on him if he had applied for an award under the 1962 Act and his resources had not exceeded his requirements,

he is an old system student for the purposes of Parts 4 and 5 in connection with the course, or in connection with any subsequent course to which the award (either bestowed or which would have been bestowed under the 1962 Act) would have been transferred if transitional awards provided for payments after the first year of a course, but unless paragraph (7) applies he qualifies for support by way of loan for living costs under Part 6 only if he is an eligible student under these Regulations and if he satisfies the qualifying conditions for an old system student in Part 6.

(7) Despite any other provision in these Regulations, where any person received or was eligible to receive a loan in relation to an academic year of a course under the 1998 Regulations he is an old system student for the purposes of Part 6 in connection with the course, or any subsequent designated course which (disregarding any intervening vacation) he begins immediately after ceasing that course, but unless paragraph (6) applies he qualifies for fee support under Chapters 3 and 4 of Part 4 and grants for living and other costs under Part 5 only if he is an eligible student under these Regulations and if he satisfies the relevant qualifying conditions for an old system student in Parts 4 and 5.