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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend a number of different regulations relating to social security.

Regulation 2 amends the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987, the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996, the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006, the Council Tax Benefit Regulations 2006 and the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations 2008 in so far as they relate to students and sums to be disregarded in the calculation of their entitlement to benefit. They provide for increases in the amounts of grant and loan income to be disregarded in respect of travel costs and the costs of books and equipment.

Regulation 3 amends the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations so that, where it is appropriate, couples where one member is aged 18 or over and the other member is aged under 18 are entitled to same amount of personal allowance as a couple in similar circumstances claiming Income Support.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the private or voluntary sectors.