

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE EDUCATION (STUDENT SUPPORT) (EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY
INSTITUTE) REGULATIONS 2010**

2010 No. 447

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

The Regulations provide support for a small number of students taking designated postgraduate courses at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. These Regulations revoke the Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 and amending regulations. The 2006 regulations and amending regulations provided support for a small number of students taking designated postgraduate courses at one of three European Institutions: the Bologna Center in Bologna; the College of Europe in either Bruges, Belgium or Natolin, Poland; or the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

None.

4. Legislative Context

The Regulations are made under sections 22, 42(6) and 43(1) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998, which give the Secretary of State the power to make provision for grants to eligible students in connection with their undertaking of designated higher education courses and further education courses.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

This instrument applies to England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

7.1 To revoke the Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 and amending regulations.

The 2006 regulations and amending regulations previously provided support for a small number of students taking designated postgraduate courses at one of three European Institutions: the Bologna Center in Bologna; the College of Europe in either Bruges, Belgium or Natolin, Poland; or the European University Institute in Florence,

Italy. From academic year 2010/11 support for fees, living and other costs is withdrawn for postgraduate students attending the Bologna Center or the College of Europe in either Bruges or Natolin. Support for living and other costs will continue to be available for up to 20 postgraduate students attending the European University Institute in Florence.

7.2 To set out the package of financial support available for eligible students at the European University Institute.

Eligibility criteria and the amounts of living costs and other support available for new and returning eligible students for the academic year 2010/11 are set out in this instrument.

7.3 To remove the grant for college travel

In respect of the academic year 2010/11, for new students, the grant provided for the cost of travel from the student's residence to the European University Institute whilst attending the European University Institute has been withdrawn.

8. Consultation outcome

No consultation was carried out.

9. Guidance

Guidance on applying to the European University Institute is available from the Institute itself. Applications for funding are dealt with by Student Finance England.

10. Impact

10.1 The impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies is nil.

10.2 The impact on the public sector is minimal.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring & review

This instrument maintains existing funding for up to 20 postgraduate students attending the European University Institute. Monitoring of demand from eligible students is to be undertaken annually.

13. Contact

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