
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 743

The Social Security (Treatment of Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans and Special Support Loans) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996

3.—(1) The Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 130 (students: interpretation), after the definition of “periods of experience” insert—

““postgraduate master's degree loan” means a loan which a student is eligible to receive under the Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) Regulations 2016;”.

(3) In regulation 131(3) (calculation of grant income)—

(a) after “student loan” insert “or a postgraduate master's degree loan”;

(b) for “such a loan” substitute “a student loan or a postgraduate master's degree loan”.

(4) In regulation 136 (treatment of student loans)—

(a) at the end of the heading add “and postgraduate master's degree loans”;

(b) in paragraph (1), after “A student loan” insert “and a postgraduate master's degree loan”;

(c) in paragraph (3)—

(i) after “a student loan” in both places, insert “or a postgraduate master's degree loan”;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for “such a loan” substitute “a student loan or a postgraduate master's degree loan”.

(d) after paragraph (4) insert—

“(4A) Where a student is treated as possessing a postgraduate master's degree loan under paragraph (3) in respect of an academic year, the amount of that loan to be taken into account as income shall be, subject to paragraph (5), a sum equal to 30 per cent. of the maximum postgraduate master's degree loan the student is able to acquire in respect of that academic year by taking reasonable steps to do so.”;

(e) in paragraph (5), after “paragraph (4)” insert “or (4A)”.

(5) After regulation 136B⁽²⁾ insert—

“Treatment of special support loans

136C. A special support loan within the meaning of regulation 68 of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 is to be disregarded as income.”.

(1) [S.I. 1996/207](#). Relevant amending instruments are [S.I.1998/563](#), [1999/1935](#), [2001/2319](#), [2002/1589](#), [2006/1752](#), [2008/2767](#) and [2009/1575](#).

(2) Regulation 136B is inserted by [S.I.2006/1752](#).

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(6) In regulation 137A(3) (further disregard of student's income), for "or student loan" substitute " , student loan or postgraduate master's degree loan".