WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 1779 (W.193)

EDUCATION, WALES

The Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003

Made - - - - 15th July 2003

Coming into force - - 1st September 2003

The National Assembly for Wales makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 3(3), (4), (5) and (9) of the Education (Schools) Act 1997(1) and now vested in the National Assembly for Wales(2).

Citation, commencement and application

- 1.—(1) These Regulations are called the Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 1st September 2003.
 - (2) These Regulations apply to Wales only.
- (3) These Regulations apply in relation to any school year beginning on or after 1st September 2003.

Amendment of the Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) Regulations 1997

- **2.**—(1) The Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) Regulations 1997(3) are amended as follows.
 - (2) In regulation 2(2), for "£12,227" there is substituted "£12,508".
 - (3) For regulation 2(3)(a) and (b) there is substituted—
 - "(a) £77 where the relevant income does not exceed £11,626; and
 - (b) £40 where that income exceeds £11,626 but does not exceed £12,508."
 - (4) In regulation 4
 - (a) in paragraph (3), for "£11,381" there is substituted "£11,639"; and
 - (b) in paragraph (4) —

^{(1) 1997} c. 59. Section 3 is amended by section 130 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31).

⁽²⁾ The functions of the Secretary of State under section 3 were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672).

⁽³⁾ S.I. 1997/1969, amended by S.I. 1998/1585, S.I. 1999/1505, S.I. 2000/1939 (W.137), S.I. 2001/2708 (W.227) and S.I. 2002/1880 (W.189).

- (i) for "£11,381" there is substituted "£11,639", and
- (ii) for "£11,202" there is substituted "£11,460".
- (5) In regulation 9(3), after sub-paragraph (b) insert "or
 - (c) Child Tax Credit prescribed for the purposes of section 512ZB(4)(a)(iv) of the Education Act 1996(4).".

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly for Wales under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998(5)

15th July 2003

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The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly

^{(4) 1996} c. 56. The Child Tax Credit is prescribed for the purposes of section 512ZB(4)(a)(iv) of the Education Act 1996 by the Education (Free School Lunches) (Prescribed Tax Credits) (Wales) Order 2003, S.I. 2003/879.

^{(5) 1998} c. 38.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) Regulations 1997 ("the 1997 Regulations") in respect of a school year beginning on or after 1st September 2003. The 1997 Regulations provide for the payment of grants as regards incidental expenses, and for the remission of incidental expenses, in respect of pupils eligible to continue to hold assisted places at independent schools by virtue of section 2 of the Education (Schools) Act 1997, notwithstanding the abolition of the assisted places scheme by section 1 of that Act.

These Regulations relax the means test (set out in regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations) and increase the amount of grant payable for uniform grant in respect of clothing expenditure incurred in relation to the 2003/2004 and subsequent school years.

These Regulations also relax the means test (set out in regulation 4 of the 1997 Regulations) for travel grant and increase the amount of grant payable.

These Regulations also add Child Tax Credits to the list of benefits or allowances in the 1997 Regulations the receipt of which enable charges for school meals to be remitted.