
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Education (Assisted Places) (Incidental Expenses) Regulations 1997 (“the 1997 Regulations”) for the purposes of a “relevant question”. This is a question under the 1997 Regulations as to whether the parents of an assisted pupil are entitled to a uniform grant under Part II, or a travel grant under Part III, of the 1997 Regulations which arises in respect of a school year beginning on or after 1st September 2005 and has not been determined at the date on which these Regulations come into force.

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 uniform and travel grants means tests (set out in regulation 2 and 4 of the 1997 Regulations respectively) and increase the amount of grant payable.