
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017

PART 13

SUPPORT FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Period of eligibility

113.—(1) A student's status as an eligible postgraduate student is retained in connection with a designated postgraduate course until that status is terminated in accordance with this regulation or regulation 110.

(2) The period for which an eligible postgraduate student retains the status referred to in paragraph (1) is the "period of eligibility" (*"cyfnod cymhwysra"*).

(3) Subject to the following paragraphs and regulation 110, the period of eligibility terminates at the end of the period ordinarily required for completion of the designated postgraduate course.

(4) The period of eligibility terminates when the eligible postgraduate student ("A" in this paragraph and paragraph (5))—

- (a) withdraws from A's designated postgraduate course in circumstances where the Welsh Ministers have not transferred or will not transfer A's status as an eligible postgraduate student to another course under regulation 114; or
- (b) abandons or is expelled from A's designated postgraduate course.

(5) The Welsh Ministers may terminate the period of eligibility where A has shown by A's conduct that A is unfitted to receive support under this Part.

(6) Where the eligible postgraduate student is undertaking a designated postgraduate course that is a part-time course, the period of eligibility terminates at the end of the academic year during or at the end of which it becomes impossible for the eligible postgraduate student to complete the course within the period specified in regulation 112(1)(b)(ii).

(7) If the Welsh Ministers are satisfied that an eligible postgraduate student has failed to comply with any requirement to provide information under this Part or has provided information which is inaccurate in a material particular, the Welsh Ministers may take such of the following actions as they consider appropriate in the circumstances—

- (a) terminate the period of eligibility;
- (b) determine that the student no longer qualifies for a grant or any particular amount of grant under this Part;
- (c) treat any support paid to the student as an overpayment which may be recovered under regulation 119.

(8) Where the period of eligibility terminates on or before the expiry of the period ordinarily required for the completion of the designated postgraduate course, the Welsh Ministers may, at any time, renew the period of eligibility for such periods as they determine.