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**The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018**

**PART 11**

**GRANTS FOR DEPENDANTS**

**CHAPTER 1**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Grants for dependants**

**68.**—(1) The following are grants made available by the Welsh Ministers to an eligible student in respect of costs associated with certain dependants of the student for an academic year—

- (a) an adult dependants grant (see Chapter 2);
- (b) a parents' learning grant (see Chapter 3);
- (c) a childcare grant (see Chapter 4).

(2) In these Regulations, those grants are collectively referred to as “grants for dependants” (“GfDs”).

**Qualifying conditions for grants for dependants**

**69.**—(1) An eligible student qualifies for any particular GfD in respect of an academic year of the present course if the student—

- (a) satisfies the qualifying conditions for that grant,
- (b) does not fall within any of the exceptions in paragraph (2), and
- (c) if the student's present course is a part-time course, the intensity of study of the academic year is at least 50%.

(2) The exceptions are— *Exception 1* The eligible student is a prisoner, unless—

- (a) the present course is a part-time course, and
- (b) the student enters or is released from prison in the academic year in question.

*Exception 2* The eligible student is a Category 6 eligible student by virtue only of paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 2 and does not fall within any of the other categories of eligible student specified in that Schedule. *Exception 3* The academic year is a year in respect of which the student is eligible to apply for—

- (a) a healthcare bursary, or
- (b) a Scottish healthcare allowance,

calculated by reference to the student's income (whether or not the calculation results in a nil amount).

*Exception 4* The eligible student is undertaking an academic year of an accelerated graduate entry course, other than the first year of the course. *Exception 5* The present course is a distance learning course. *Exception 6* The eligible student is undertaking an academic year of a sandwich course

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during which the periods of full-time study are in aggregate less than 10 weeks (unless it is a year to which Regulation 44(2) applies). *Exception 7* The person in respect of whom the eligible student is applying—

- (a) is an eligible student, and
- (b) is in receipt of a statutory award.

### **Interpretation of this Part**

**70.—(1)** In this Part—

“adult dependant” (“*oedolyn dibynnol*”) means an adult person—

- (a) who is wholly or mainly financially dependent on the eligible student, or
- (b) who is wholly or mainly financially dependent on both the eligible student and the eligible student's partner together,

but not the eligible student's child, the eligible student's partner (including a partner from whom the eligible student is separated) or the eligible student's former partner;

“current academic year” (“*blwyddyn academiadd gyfredol*”) means the academic year of the present course in respect of which the eligible student is applying for a GfD;

“dependent child” (“*plentyn dibynnol*”) means a child—

- (a) who is wholly or mainly financially dependent on the eligible student, or
- (b) who is wholly or mainly financially dependent on both the eligible student and the eligible student's partner together,

including a child of the eligible student's partner and a child for whom the eligible student has parental responsibility;

“lone parent” (“*rhiant unigol*”) means a person who—

- (a) is a parent of a dependent child, and
- (b) does not have a partner.

(2) In this Part, any reference to a person's (“A's”) partner means—

- (a) A's spouse or civil partner, or
- (b) a person ordinarily living with A as if the person were A's spouse or civil partner.

(3) Any reference in this Part to a person's or persons' income is a reference to that income as calculated in accordance with the appropriate provisions of Schedule 3.

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