
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 191

The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018

PART 4

KEY CONCEPTS

CHAPTER 2

ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 4

Previous study

Full-time students – restrictions on support for honours graduates

24.—(1) If an eligible student undertaking a full-time course has attained an honours degree from an institution in the United Kingdom (an “honours graduate”) the student does not qualify for a tuition fee loan, base grant, maintenance grant or maintenance loan under these Regulations unless the student—

- (a) falls within one of the Cases set out in paragraph (2), and
 - (b) in each Case, satisfies the particular qualifying conditions relating to the support in question.
- (2) The Cases are—

Case 1

An honours graduate may qualify for support under these Regulations if the present course is—

- (a) a course for the initial training of teachers of no more than two years duration, and the graduate is not a qualified teacher, or
- (b) an accelerated graduate entry course.

Case 2

An honours graduate may qualify for a maintenance loan if any of the following applies—

- (a) the present course leads to a qualification as a social worker, medical doctor, dentist, veterinary surgeon or architect;
- [^{F1}(b) the graduate is to receive any payment under a healthcare bursary, the amount of which is calculated by reference to the graduate’s income;]
- (c) the present course is a course for the initial training of teachers.

Case 3

Despite paragraph (1), if—

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- (a) the present course is considered to be a single course by virtue of regulation 6(3) and (4), and
 - (b) the course leads to an honours degree from an institution in the United Kingdom being conferred on the eligible student before the final degree or equivalent qualification,
- the conferring of that honours degree does not prevent the student from qualifying for support under these Regulations in respect of any part of that single course.

Case 4

Regulation 26 applies.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 24\(2\)](#) substituted (4.1.2024) by [The Education \(Student Finance\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(No. 3\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1349\)](#), regs. 1(2), **43**

Part-time students – restrictions on support for graduates

25.—(1) If an eligible student undertaking a part-time course has attained a first degree from an institution in the United Kingdom (a “graduate”) the student does not qualify for support under these Regulations other than a disabled student's grant unless the student falls within one of the Cases set out in paragraph (2).

(2) The Cases are—

Case 1

The first degree—

- (a) was not an honours degree, and
- (b) was awarded to the graduate on completion of the modules, examinations or other forms of assessment required for that first degree,

and the graduate is undertaking the present course so as to obtain an honours degree on completion of the required modules, examinations or other forms of assessment (whether or not the graduate continues the course at the same institution from which the first degree was awarded).

Case 2

The present course is a course for the initial training of teachers of no more than four years duration and the graduate is not a qualified teacher.

^{F2}Case 3

The present course leads to an honours degree and is—

- (a) concerned with the study of the history, grammar and use of Welsh,
- (b) a course whose code and label under the Higher Education Classification of Subjects are listed in Schedule 5A, or
- (c) listed in the Higher Education Classification of Subjects in one of the Common Aggregation Hierarchy groups in Column 1 of Table A1 except for those subjects whose code and label under the Higher Education Classification of Subjects are specified in the corresponding entry in Column 2.

Table A1

| <i>Column 1</i> | <i>Column 2</i> |
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| <i>Common Aggregation Hierarchy groups</i> | <i>Code and label of Excluded subjects</i> |
| Subjects allied to medicine (CAH02) | |
| Biological and sport sciences (CAH03) | |
| Psychology (CAH04) | |
| Veterinary sciences (CAH05) | |
| Agriculture, food and related studies (CAH06) | |
| Physical sciences (CAH07) | (100392) Applied science |
| | (100390) General science |
| | (100391) Natural sciences |
| Mathematical sciences (CAH09) | |
| Engineering and technology (CAH10) | |
| Computing (CAH11)] | |

Case 4

Regulation 26 applies.

[^{F3}(3) In Case 3, the “Common Aggregation Hierarchy” means version 1.3.3 of the Common Aggregation Hierarchy approved by the Higher Education Statistics Agency Data Landscape Steering Group and “the Higher Education Classification of Subjects” means the Higher Education Classification of Subjects maintained by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service and the Higher Education Statistics Agency.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in reg. 25(2) substituted (with application in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Education \(Student Support\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/73\)](#), regs. 1(2), **45(a)**
- F3** Reg. 25(3) substituted (with application in accordance with reg. 1(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Education \(Student Support\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2021 \(S.I. 2021/73\)](#), regs. 1(2), **45(b)**

Restrictions lifted where incorrect notification received

26.—(1) This regulation applies where—

- (a) an honours graduate within the meaning of regulation 24 or a graduate within the meaning of regulation 25 (“G”) has provided all the information required by the Welsh Ministers in relation to an honours degree or, as the case may be, a first degree, previously attained, and
- (b) G receives notification from the Welsh Ministers incorrectly stating that G qualifies for support under these Regulations.

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(2) Where this regulation applies, G may qualify for the support specified in the notification for such period as the Welsh Ministers think appropriate.

(3) But this regulation does not apply if the notification is incorrect because the information provided by G was materially inaccurate.

Further restriction on support for part-time students

27.—(1) An eligible student undertaking a part-time course does not qualify for support under these Regulations other than a disabled student's grant if the student—

- (a) has undertaken one or more part-time courses for an aggregate of at least—
 - (i) 8 academic years (where that course or the earliest of those courses began before 1 September 2014), or
 - (ii) 16 academic years (where that course or the earliest of those courses began on or after 1 September 2014), and
 - (b) has received relevant support in respect of at least 8 or, as the case may be, 16 of those academic years of the part-time course or courses.
- (2) In paragraph (1)(b), “relevant support” means—
- (a) a loan, a grant in respect of fees or a grant for books, travel and other expenditure made in respect of an academic year—
 - (i) under these Regulations or any other regulations made under section 22 of the 1998 Act, or
 - (ii) under regulations made under Articles 3 and 8(4) of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 ^{M1};
 - (b) a loan made in respect of an academic year under regulations made under sections 73(f), 73B and 74(1) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 ^{M2}.

Marginal Citations

- M1** S.I.1998/1760 (N.I. 14) to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
- M2** 1980 c.44; section 73B was inserted by section 29(2) of the [Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 \(c.30\)](#) and was amended by the [Education \(Graduate Endowment and Student Support\) \(Scotland\) Act 2001 \(asp 6\)](#), [Schedule 6](#) to the [Income Tax \(Earnings and Pensions\) Act 2003 \(c.1\)](#), [section 34\(1\)](#) of the [Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(asp 3\)](#) and [Schedule 8](#) to the [Bankruptcy \(Scotland\) Act 2016 \(asp 21\)](#).

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