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

**PART 7**

**BASE GRANT AND MAINTENANCE GRANT**

**CHAPTER 4**

**SPECIAL SUPPORT PAYMENT**

**Special support payment**

**50.**—(1) Where an eligible student who qualifies for a base grant or, as the case may be, a maintenance grant, meets one of the qualifying conditions in regulation 51—

- (a) all of the base grant payable to the eligible student, and
- (b) an amount of maintenance grant payable to the student up to the maximum specified in regulation 52,

is to be treated as a special support payment.

(2) A special support payment is a payment which is intended to meet—

- (a) the cost of books and equipment;
- (b) travel expenses;
- (c) childcare costs,

in connection with an eligible student undertaking a designated course.

**Special support payment: qualifying conditions**

**51.** An eligible student qualifies for a special support payment in respect of an academic year of the present course if the eligible student satisfies one of the following conditions— *Condition A* The eligible student, for the purposes of assessing entitlement to income support, falls within a prescribed category of person for the purposes of section 124(1)(e)<sup>M1</sup> of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992. *Condition B* The eligible student, for the purposes of assessing entitlement to housing benefit, is treated as being liable to make payments in respect of a dwelling prescribed by regulations made under section 130(2) of that Act<sup>M2</sup>. *Condition C* The eligible student, for the purposes of assessing entitlement to universal credit, is liable or is treated as being liable under regulation 25(3) of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013<sup>M3</sup> to make payments in respect of accommodation the student occupies as his or her home.

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1992 c 4. There are amendments to section 124 which are not relevant to these Regulations and the section is repealed by the [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 3\)](#), [section 147](#) and Schedule 14 Part 1 subject to savings specified in SI 2013/358 article 9. Categories under section 124(1)(e) are prescribed by

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regulations. The relevant regulation is regulation 4ZA of the [Income Support \(General\) Regulations 1987 \(S.I. 1987/1967\)](#). Regulation 4ZA was inserted by [S.I. 1996/206](#) and amended by [S.I. 1997/2197](#), [S.I. 2000/1981](#), [S.I. 2001/3070](#), [S.I. 2008/1826](#), [S.I. 2009/2655](#), [S.I. 2009/3152](#) and [S.I. 2013/2536](#).

**M2** There are amendments to section 130 which are not relevant to these Regulations and the section is repealed by the [Welfare Reform Act 2012 \(c. 3\)](#), [section 147](#) and Schedule 14 Part 1 subject to savings specified in SI 2013/358 article 9. The relevant regulation is regulation 56 of the Housing Benefit Regulations 2006 [S.I. 2006/213](#) as amended by [S.I. 2008/1042](#), [S.I. 2008/1082](#), [S.I. 2012/757](#), [S.I. 2013/630](#), [S.I. 2013/2070](#) and SI 2017/901.

**M3** [S.I. 2013/376](#)

### Maximum amount of maintenance grant treated as special support payment

**52.** In Table 6, Column 2 sets out the maximum amount of maintenance grant payable as special support payment in respect of the academic year set out in the corresponding entry in Column 1.

**Table 6**

<i>Column 1 Academic year</i>	<i>Column 2 Maximum amount of maintenance grant payable as part of a special support payment</i>
Beginning on or after 1 September 2018	£4,161 for a full-time course £5,000 multiplied by the intensity of study for a part-time course

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