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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2018 No. 191**

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

**PART 4**

KEY CONCEPTS

CHAPTER 2

ELIGIBILITY

*SECTION 2*

*Period of eligibility*

**Maximum period of eligibility – interpretation**

17.—(1) For the purposes of regulations 12 and 14 to 16, the “ordinary duration” of a course is the number of academic years ordinarily required to complete it.

(2) For the purposes of calculating—

- (a) a student's maximum period of eligibility under regulation 14(2), 15(2) or 16(2), or
- (b) whether a student's period of eligibility has ended,

any part-year undertaken by the student is to be counted as a whole academic year.

(3) In regulations 14 and 15, “previous course” means a course which—

- (a) is—
  - (i) a full time higher education course, or
  - (ii) a part-time course for the initial training of teachers,that the student began to undertake before the present course,
- (b) meets one of the conditions set out in paragraph (4), and
- (c) is not excluded from being a previous course by virtue of paragraph (5), (6) or (7).

(4) The conditions are—

*Condition 1*

The course is provided by an institution in the United Kingdom which was a recognised educational institution for some or all of the academic years during which the student undertook the course.

*Condition 2*

The course is one in relation to which—

- (a) a scholarship, exhibition, bursary, grant, allowance or award of any description was paid in respect of the student undertaking the course to defray fees, and
- (b) the payment was provided by a publicly funded institution.

- (5) A course which falls within paragraph (3)(a) and (b) is nevertheless not a previous course if—
- (a) the present course is a full-time course for the initial training of teachers of no more than two years duration, and
  - (b) the student is not a qualified teacher.
- (6) A course for the Certificate in Education which falls within paragraph (3)(a) and (b) is nevertheless not a previous course if—
- (a) the present course is a course for the degree (including an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education, and
  - (b) the student—
    - (i) transferred to the present course from the course for the Certificate in Education before the completion of that course, or
    - (ii) began the present course on completion of the course for the Certificate in Education.
- (7) A course for the degree (other than an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education is not a previous course if—
- (a) the present course is a course for the honours degree of Bachelor of Education, and
  - (b) the student—
    - (i) transferred to the present course from the course for the degree (other than an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education before the completion of that course, or
    - (ii) began the present course on completion of the course for the degree (other than an honours degree) of Bachelor of Education.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018, Section 17.