## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend—

- (a) The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017 ("the 2017 Regulations");
- (b) The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations");
- (c) The Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans) (Wales) Regulations 2018 ("the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations");
- (d) The Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master's Degrees) (Wales) Regulations 2019 ("the Master's Degree Regulations").

The 2017 Regulations provide for financial support for eligible students taking designated higher education courses which begin before 1 September 2018. Part 2 of these Regulations amends the 2017 Regulations.

The 2018 Regulations provide for financial support for eligible students taking designated higher education courses which begin on or after 1 September 2018. Part 3 of these Regulations amends the 2018 Regulations.

The Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations provide for financial support for eligible students undertaking designated postgraduate doctoral degree courses. Part 4 of these Regulations amends the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations.

The Master's Degree Regulations provide for financial support for eligible students undertaking designated master's degree courses. Part 5 of these Regulations amends the Master's Degree Regulations.

Regulations 2 to 34 uprate figures in the regulations being amended:

- regulations 2 to 17 amend the 2017 Regulations;
- regulations 18 to 29 amend the 2018 Regulations;
- regulations 30 and 31 amend the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations; and
- regulations 32 to 34 amend the Master's Degree Regulations.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Higher Education Division, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ.

## **Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Education (Student Finance) (Amounts) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020.