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2025 No. 728 (W. 125)

EDUCATION, WALES

**The Education (Student Finance)
(Miscellaneous Amendments) (No.
2) (Wales) Regulations 2025**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which are in eight Parts, amend various Regulations which make provision about, and in connection with, student finance.

Part 1 makes provision about the coming into force and application of these Regulations.

Parts 2 to 8 make amendments to the following Regulations—

- (a) Part 2 amends the Education (Fees and Awards) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (“the 2007 Regulations”),
- (b) Part 3 amends the Education (European University Institute) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (“the 2014 Regulations”),
- (c) Part 4 amends the Higher Education (Qualifying Courses, Qualifying Persons and Supplementary Provision) (Wales) Regulations 2015 (“the 2015 Regulations”),
- (d) Part 5 amends the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017 (“the 2017 Regulations”),
- (e) Part 6 amends the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018 (“the 2018 Regulations”),
- (f) Part 7 amends the Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans) (Wales) Regulations 2018 (“the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations”), and
- (g) Part 8 amends the Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master’s Degrees) (Wales) Regulations 2019 (“the 2019 Regulations”).

Amendments made by these Regulations—

- (a) revise the definition of a “protected Ukrainian national” in the 2007 Regulations, the 2014 Regulations, the 2015 Regulations, the 2017 Regulations, the 2018 Regulations, the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations and the 2019 Regulations, so that such persons are required to have existing leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom in order to be eligible for home fee status, the fee limits and student support,
- (b) make corresponding changes to the definition of a “person granted leave to enter or remain as a protected partner” in the 2018 Regulations, the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations and the 2019 Regulations, so that such persons are required to have existing leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom in order to be eligible for student support under those Regulations, in accordance with equivalent requirements for such persons under the 2007 Regulations, the 2014 Regulations, the 2015 Regulations and the 2017 Regulations, and
- (c) provide for a protected Ukrainian national’s eligibility for student support under the Doctoral Degree Loan Regulations and the 2019 Regulations to terminate when they are no longer allowed to stay in the United Kingdom, rather than when their status as a protected Ukrainian national comes to an end, in accordance with equivalent requirements for such persons under the 2014 Regulations, the 2017 Regulations and the 2018 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, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations.

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Made 20 June 2025

Laid before Senedd Cymru 24 June 2024

Coming into force 17 July 2025

The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Secretary of State by sections 1 and 2 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983⁽¹⁾ and sections 22(1)(a) and (2)(a), and 42(6) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act

⁽¹⁾ 1983 c. 40. Section 1 was amended by the Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40), Schedule 12, paragraph 91; the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (c. 13), Schedule 8, paragraph 19; the Education Act 1994 (c. 30), Schedule 2, paragraph 7; the Education Act 1996 (c. 56), Schedule 37, paragraph 57; the Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c. 21), Schedule 9, paragraphs 1 and 11; the Education Act 2002 (c. 32), Schedule 21, paragraph 5 and Schedule 22; the Education Act 2005 (c. 18), Schedule 14, paragraph 9; S.I. 2005/3238 (W. 243), Schedule 1, paragraph 9; S.I. 2010/1080, Schedule 1, paragraph 12; S.I. 2010/1158, Schedule 2, paragraph 1; the Education Act 2011 (c. 21), Schedule 5, paragraph 5 and Schedule 16, paragraph 5; the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), Schedule 14, paragraph 33; and the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 (asc 1), Schedule 4, paragraph 2. Section 2 was amended by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 (c. 30), Schedule 4.

1998(1), and now exercisable by them(2), and powers conferred on them under sections 5(5)(b) and 55(2) of the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015(3).

PART 1

Title, coming into force and application

Title and coming into force

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 17 July 2025.

Application

2. These Regulations apply in relation to the provision of support, and to fees and awards applicable, in relation to an academic year which begins on or after 1 August 2025, whether or not anything done under these Regulations is done before, on or after that date.

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- (1) 1998 c. 30. Section 22(1) was amended by the Learning and Skills Act 2000, section 146(2)(a). *See* section 43(1) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 for the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”.
- (2) The functions of the Secretary of State in section 1 of the Education (Fees and Awards) Act 1983 were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1458), article 2(a). The functions of the Secretary of State in section 2 of that Act were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672), article 2 and Schedule 1. The function of the Secretary of State in section 22(1)(a) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 was transferred to the National Assembly for Wales, so far as it relates to making provision in relation to Wales, by section 44(1) of the Higher Education Act 2004 (c. 8). Section 44(2) of the Higher Education Act 2004 provided that the function in section 22(2)(a) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 was to be exercised by the National Assembly for Wales concurrently with the Secretary of State, so far as it relates to making provision in relation to Wales. The Secretary of State’s function in section 42(6) of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998, in so far as being exercisable in relation to Wales, was transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by S.I. 1999/672, article 2 and Schedule 1. The functions of the National Assembly for Wales were transferred to the Welsh Ministers by virtue of section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32).
- (3) 2015 anaw 1. *See* section 57(1) for the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”.

PART 2

Amendments to the Education (Fees and Awards) (Wales) Regulations 2007

Protected Ukrainian nationals – leave status

3. In the Education (Fees and Awards) (Wales) Regulations 2007⁽¹⁾, in the Schedule, in paragraph 1, in the definition of “protected Ukrainian national”—

- (a) for “granted” substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “United Kingdom” insert “granted”.

PART 3

Amendments to the Education (European University Institute) (Wales) Regulations 2014

Protected Ukrainian nationals – leave status

4. In the Education (European University Institute) (Wales) Regulations 2014⁽²⁾, in regulation 3(1), in the definition of “protected Ukrainian national”—

- (a) for “granted” substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “United Kingdom” insert “granted”.

PART 4

Amendments to the Higher Education (Qualifying Courses, Qualifying Persons and Supplementary Provision) (Wales) Regulations 2015

Protected Ukrainian nationals – leave status

5. In the Higher Education (Qualifying Courses, Qualifying Persons and Supplementary Provision) (Wales) Regulations 2015⁽³⁾, in the Schedule, in paragraph 1(1), in the definition of “protected Ukrainian national”—

- (a) for “granted” substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “United Kingdom” insert “granted”.

(1) S.I. 2007/2310 (W. 181); relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2022/764 (W. 166) and S.I. 2025/16 (W. 6).
(2) S.I. 2014/3037 (W. 303); relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2022/764 (W. 166) and S.I. 2025/16 (W. 6).
(3) S.I. 2015/1484 (W. 163); relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2022/764 (W. 166) and S.I. 2025/16 (W. 6).

PART 5

Amendments to the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017

Protected Ukrainian nationals – leave status

6. In the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017⁽¹⁾, in regulation 2 (interpretation), in paragraph (1), in the definition of “protected Ukrainian national”—

- (a) for “granted” substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “United Kingdom” insert “granted”.

PART 6

Amendments to the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018

Introduction

7. The Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018⁽²⁾ are amended in accordance with this Part.

Protected Ukrainian nationals – leave status

8. In Schedule 2 (categories of eligible student), in paragraph 2ZC (category 2ZC – protected Ukrainian nationals), in sub-paragraph (2)—

- (a) for “granted” substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “United Kingdom” insert “granted”.

Protected partners – leave status

9. In Schedule 2 (categories of eligible student), in paragraph 2ZB (category 2ZB – persons granted leave to enter or remain as a protected partner and their children), in sub-paragraph (3)(b), in the words before Case 1—

- (a) for “granted”, in the second place it occurs, substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “bereaved partner” insert “, granted”.

(1) S.I. 2017/47 (W. 21); relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2022/764 (W. 166) and S.I. 2025/16 (W. 6).

(2) S.I. 2018/191 (W. 42); relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2021/481 (W. 148), S.I. 2022/764 (W. 166), S.I. 2024/810 (W. 131) and S.I. 2025/16 (W. 6).

PART 7

Amendments to the Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans) (Wales) Regulations 2018

Introduction

10. The Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans) (Wales) Regulations 2018(1) are amended in accordance with this Part.

Protected Ukrainian nationals – leave status

11. In regulation 2 (interpretation), in paragraph (1), in the definition of “protected Ukrainian national”—

- (a) for “granted” substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “United Kingdom” insert “granted”.

Protected partners – leave status

12. In regulation 2 (interpretation), in paragraph (1), in the definition of “person granted leave to enter or remain as a protected partner”, in the words before paragraph (1)—

- (a) for “granted”, in the second place it occurs, substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “bereaved partner” insert “, granted”.

Termination of eligibility – protected Ukrainian nationals

13. In regulation 3 (eligible students), in paragraph (10H)(b)—

- (a) for “the status of A as a protected Ukrainian national, or of” substitute “the period for which A, or”;
- (b) after “as the case may be,” insert “is allowed to stay in the United Kingdom”.

(1) S.I. 2018/656 (W. 124); relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2021/481 (W. 148), S.I. 2022/764 (W. 166), S.I. 2023/1349 (W. 243), S.I. 2024/810 (W. 131) and S.I. 2025/16 (W. 6).

PART 8

Amendments to the Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master's Degrees) (Wales) Regulations 2019

Introduction

14. The Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master's Degrees) (Wales) Regulations 2019⁽¹⁾ are amended in accordance with this Part.

Protected Ukrainian nationals – leave status

15. In Schedule 2 (categories of eligible students), in paragraph 2C (category 2C – protected Ukrainian nationals), in sub-paragraph (2)—

- (a) for “granted” substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “United Kingdom” insert “granted”.

Protected partners – leave status

16. In Schedule 2 (categories of eligible students), in paragraph 2B (category 2B – persons granted leave to enter or remain as a protected partner and their children), in sub-paragraph (3)(b), in the words before Case 1—

- (a) for “granted”, in the second place it occurs, substitute “who has extant”;
- (b) after “bereaved partner” insert “, granted”.

Termination of eligibility – protected Ukrainian nationals

17. In regulation 12H (persons who cease to be protected Ukrainian nationals), in paragraph (b)—

- (a) for “the status of A as a protected Ukrainian national or of” substitute “the period for which A or”;
- (b) after “as the case may be,” insert “is allowed to stay in the United Kingdom”.

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(1) S.I. 2019/895 (W. 161); relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2021/481 (W. 148), S.I. 2022/764 (W. 166), S.I. 2023/1349 (W. 243), S.I. 2024/810 (W. 131) and S.I. 2025/16 (W. 6).