

SL(5)569 – The Cancellation of Student Loans for Living Costs Liability (Wales) Regulations 2020

Background and Purpose

These Regulations govern the student loan liability of full-time students who receive loans for living costs from the Welsh Ministers in respect of the academic year 2020/2021.

These Regulations provide for up to £1,500 of a borrower's living costs loan liability to be cancelled in certain circumstances, with effect from the day after the date on which their first loan repayment is considered to have been received.

Procedure

Negative.

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

Merits Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

Implications arising from exiting the European Union

These Regulations follow a written statement from the Minister for Education on 31 May 2019, "Funding and support for EU Nationals studying in Wales", which stated as follows:

"I am pleased to confirm that EU nationals who intend to study in Wales for the academic year 2020/21 will be eligible to pay the same tuition fees as Welsh students and will be eligible to receive loans and/or grants from Student Finance Wales (SFW), subject to existing eligibility criteria.

This is a continuation of the current policy and students will be eligible to receive support until they finish their course. This applies to all student finance from SFW for students in Wales for which EU nationals are eligible. This includes loans to cover tuition fees (for those resident in the EEA for three years), loans and grants for maintenance (limited to those resident in the UK for at least three years), and some other grants and allowances.

The rules applying to EU nationals who will apply for a place at university for the academic year 2020/21 to study a course which attracts student support are unchanged. SFW will assess these applications against existing eligibility criteria, and will provide loans and/or grants in the normal way. EU nationals, or their family members, who are assessed as eligible to receive grants and/or loans will be eligible for the duration of their study on that course."

Government Response

A Welsh Government response is not required.



Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 13 July 2020 and reports to the Senedd to highlight issues as a result of the UK exiting the EU.



Senedd Cymru

Pwyllgor Deddfwriaeth, Cyfiawnder a'r Cyfansoddiad

—

Welsh Parliament

Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee