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PART IV

GRANTS FOR LIVING COSTS

Grants for disabled students' living costs

14.—(1) An eligible student shall be eligible for grant for living costs equal to additional expenditure which the Department is satisfied he is obliged to incur in respect of his attendance at the course by reason of a disability to which he is subject; but the amount of grant shall not exceed the amounts referred to in paragraph (2).

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) the amounts referred to in this paragraph are such amounts as the Department considers appropriate:

- (a) not exceeding £11,280 in respect of each academic year for expenditure on a non-medical personal helper;
- (b) not exceeding £4,460 in respect of all the academic years during which the eligible student is eligible for support for expenditure on major items of specialist equipment, but where such payments have been made under the 1986 Order in respect of a transitional award holder the amounts of such payments shall be deducted from this maximum;
- (c) for expenditure incurred –
 - (i) within the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland for the purposes of attending the institution;
 - (ii) within or outside the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland for the purpose of attending, as a part of his course, any period of study at an overseas institution or for the purpose of attending the British Institute in Paris;
- (d) not exceeding £1,490 in respect of each academic year for any other expenditure including expenditure incurred for the purposes referred to in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) which exceeds the specified maxima.

(3) In the case of an eligible student attending a course for the initial training of teachers referred to in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 during which in any academic year the periods of full-time attendance, including attendance for the purpose of teaching practice, are in aggregate less than 6 weeks, paragraph (2) has effect as if the amounts referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (d) were £8,465 and £1,115 respectively.