

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE EDUCATION (STUDENT SUPPORT) (EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2007

2007 No. 3344

- 1.** This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.
- 2. Description**
 - 2.1 These regulations provide for support for a small number of students taking designated postgraduate courses at one of three European Institutions: the Bologna Center in Bologna, Italy; the College of Europe in either Bruges, Belgium or Natolin, Poland; or the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.
- 3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**
 - 3.1 None.
- 4. Legislative Background**
 - 4.1 These regulations amend the Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (No 2) Regulations 2006 in relation to the support arrangements for students attending courses at one of the three European Institutions for the 2008/09 academic year, by increasing the grants available to students who are eligible for support under the regulations. These regulations also amend two figures for the 2007/08 academic year (an increase in the grant for living costs from January 2008 for students at the European University Institute and an increase in the tuition fee grant for students at the Bologna Center). These details are set out in more detail in paragraph 7.
- 5. Extent**
 - 5.1 These regulations apply to England.
- 6. European Convention on Human Rights**
 - 6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

The intention is:

7.1 To set out the package of financial support available to students for the 2008/09 academic year

The amounts of support available have been increased, either using revised figures from the institutions as applicable or in line with inflation, for the 2008/09 academic year.

7.2 To amend two figures for the 2007/08 academic year

From January 2008 the grant for tuition fees for students at the Bologna Center and the grant for living costs for students at the European University Institute have been increased. These figures are set by the Institutions.

7.3 To amend the number of students supported at the European University Institute

The number of students to be supported from the 2008/09 academic year has been reduced from 26 to 20 in order to fund an increase in the amount of living cost grant available to the students following a request from the Institute.

7.4 Consultation

There is no statutory requirement to consult on these Regulations. However, before instructions to draft the Regulations were prepared and during the drafting process, informal consultation took place with the European University Institute and the Devolved Administrations over the decrease in the number of students to be supported and the resultant increase in living cost grant. The change was agreed by all parties. Also an informal consultation on the proposed changes to the regulations took place with the Student Loans Company (SLC) team who carry out the day to day administration of the support provided under these regulations on behalf of the Secretary of State. They had no substantive comments.

8. Impact

8.1 An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

8.2 The impact on the public sector is minimal.

9. Contact

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