

**TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
(For the attention of the Student Support Officer)**

**TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND FURTHER EDUCATION  
PROVIDING DESIGNATED HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES**

**DEVOLVED ADMINISTRATIONS**

**TO THE STUDENT LOANS COMPANY**

**SSIN 02(a)/10**

**July 2009**

Dear Colleague

**LOAN, GRANT AND FEE RATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/11**

- 1) The main and supplementary loan and grant rates, the contribution scales and the tuition fee rates for the 2010/11 academic year were announced in a Written Statement to Parliament on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009.
- 2) You will be aware that students who wish to start their higher education course in autumn 2010 will be able to make their applications for student finance from Autumn 2009. The Student Loans Company, who has responsibility for these students, will be making detailed information for students available in good time for when applications open. However, in order to give you an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the new rates before this information is distributed, a Memorandum is attached which sets them out in detail.
- 3) The maximum full-time non means-tested variable tuition fee loan, fee contribution loan and fee grants have been up-rated to reflect the Treasury's April forecast of the year-on-year rise in the Retail Price Index (excluding mortgage interest payments)(RPI-X). During the academic year 2010/11 the forecast rise is 2.04%.
- 4) The maximum amounts for all other maintenance grants, loans, targeted grants for the full-time maintenance support package, and the related income thresholds, will remain at 2009/10 levels.
- 5) Fee grants and course grants for part-time students will also be up-rated by 2.04 % to reflect the year-on-year rise in RPI-X.
- 6) The Memorandum for 2010/11 has been divided into six sections.

These are:

- a) **Section A:** The basic support - maintenance loan, fee loan and maintenance grant (or special support grant where appropriate) - available to current system full-time students who are new entrants to higher education (HE) in **2010/11** and those who were new entrants in **2009/10** who are continuing on their course in 2010/11..
- b) **Section B:** The basic support (as described above) available to current system full-time students who were new entrants to HE in **2008/09**

- c) **Section C:** The basic support (as described above) available to current system full-time students who were new entrants to HE in **2006/07 or 2007/08**.
- d) **Section D:** The basic support available to old system full-time students who were generally new entrants **before 2006/07**
- e) **Section E:** The supplementary loans and grants that are available to all eligible full-time students, whether old or current system students (Long Courses Loans; Disabled Students Allowances; Adult Dependants' Grant; Childcare Grant; Parents' Learning Allowance; Grants towards travel costs).
- f) **Section F:** The support available to new and continuing part-time undergraduates in 2010/11.

### **Support under the pre-1998 arrangements**

- 7) The attached Memorandum does not include details of the increased rates of support for students who might still be eligible for mandatory awards and mortgage-style student loans under the pre-1998 student support arrangements. Our present understanding is that no students continued their current courses beyond the end of the 2007/08 academic year. Therefore grants available under the Mandatory Awards Regulations were not updated in 2009/10 and we have no plans to update them for 2010/11.

### **Regulations for 2010/11**

- 8) The Education (Student Support) Regulations 2009, covering the academic year 2010/11 were laid before Parliament on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 and will come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009. Revisions to the Student Support Consolidated Guidance Chapters will be made as appropriate.

### **ENQUIRIES**

- 9) This SSIN will be posted on the Student Finance England website: <http://practitioners.studentfinanceengland.co.uk>. This site is also the destination for administrators requiring information about student finance.
- 10) General enquiries on the loan grant and fee rates should be made to the Student Finance England Practitioner Support Team; telephone 0845 602 0583, or E-Mail [ssin\\_queries@slc.co.uk](mailto:ssin_queries@slc.co.uk).
- 11) All public enquiries should be directed towards the Directgov website: [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance) which is the official online source of information for members of the public about higher education student finance. Information about the new rates will be posted on the site in due course.