

**STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE:**

**2009/10: ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS  
FUNDED UNDER THE STUDENT SUPPORT  
REGULATIONS**

**TO:**

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES (for the attention of Student Support Awards  
Officers)**

**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
IN THE UNITED KINGDOM PROVIDING DESIGNATED HIGHER  
EDUCATION COURSES**

**DEVOLVED ADMINISTRATIONS**

**THE STUDENT LOANS COMPANY (including CENTRAL PROCESSING  
UNIT).**

SSIN 04/09

28 November 2008

Dear Colleague

**LOAN, GRANT AND FEE RATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-10 –  
REVISED MEMORANDUM**

- 1) On 21 May you were sent a copy of SSIN 01/09, together with a copy of the Department's Memorandum setting out the full details of the support available in 2009/10 to higher education students who are eligible for support under the Student Support Regulations.
- 2) The information set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 of SSIN 01/09 has not changed. However, you will be aware that on 29th October the Secretary of State announced a revised package of maintenance support for students who will be new entrants to higher education in the 2009/10 academic year. The full details of the revised package were set out in the Annex to SSIN 03/09 which issued on 26th November.
- 3) It has been necessary to revise the Memorandum that we issued in May to include details of the revised maintenance grant and loan package for 2009 cohort students. A copy of the revised Memorandum is accordingly enclosed. You will see that a new Section A has been inserted.

4) The revised Memorandum for 2009/10 therefore contains six sections, as follows:

**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 will be new entrants to HE in 2009/10 (2009 cohort students)**.

**Section B:** The **basic** support (as above) available to **current system full-time students who are new entrants to HE in 2008/09 (2008 cohort students)**.

**Section C:** The **basic** support (as above) available to **current system full-time students who were new entrants to HE in 2006/07 or 2007/08**.

**Section D:** The **basic** support - fee grant, non means-tested fee contribution loan, Higher Education Grant - available to **old system full-time students** (those entering HE, or who were treated as having entered HE, before 1st September 2006).

**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).

**Section F:** The support available to **part-time undergraduates**.

### **Regulations for 2009/10**

5) As mentioned in SSIN 03/09, the Education (Student Support)(Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008 No. 2939), implementing the changes to the methodology by which financial assessments for eligible students entering higher education in 2009/10 are to be made, were laid on 25th November and, subject to Parliamentary agreement, should come into force on 17th December 2008. Revisions to the Student Support Consolidated Guidance Chapters will be made as appropriate.

### **ENQUIRIES**

6) This SSIN will be posted on the Student Support website ([www.dfes.gov.uk/studentssupport/administrators](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/studentssupport/administrators)) as usual. This site also remains the destination for administrators requiring information about student finance.

7) General enquiries on the loan, grant and fee rates should be made in the first instance to the Student Loans Company Contact Centre in Darlington - telephone 0845 602 0583 or E-mail [SSIN\\_queries@slc.co.uk](mailto:SSIN_queries@slc.co.uk).

8) 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 on-line 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.