

**STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE
(SSIN)**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FURTHER EDUCATION
LOANS REGULATIONS 2012 (S.I. 2012/1818)
("the 2012 Regulations").**

To: Student finance administrators and practitioners in institutions providing Advanced Learner Loans funded courses.

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Dear Colleagues,

Amendments to The Further Education Loans Regulations 2012 (S.I. 2012/1818) ("the 2012 Regulations").

1. This SSIN provides a summary of The Further Education Loans (Amendment) Regulations 2022 coming into force on 1 May 2022 that amend "the 2012 Regulations". The 2012 Regulations provide for Advanced Learner Loans to help students pay for fees of designated further education courses in England.

Definition of fees

2. The current definition in "the 2012 Regulations" refers to the Higher Education Act 2004 that was repealed on the passing of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017. The amendments adopt the definition of "fees" set out in the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 that replaced the 2004 Act definition, because it was not provided for on the passing of the 2017 Act. The amendment does not change the rule that a student can only apply for a loan to cover the tuition fee element of their provision, including all costs and charges for items without which they cannot complete their qualification.

Standard entitlement to loans

3. Amendments provide for students who transfer to a course at a different institution to apply for a new loan in relation to the course at the new institution in all cases. This is in view of the necessary administrative process of the Student Loans Company. This does not impact students because "the 2012 Regulations" provide for another loan in a student's standard entitlement in these circumstances.
4. Amendments substitute a new regulation 15 of "the 2012 Regulations" to clarify the standard loan entitlement: where a programme of A Level study is followed; where loans are withheld, repaid, or cancelled in specified circumstances; and where a student transfers to a different

institution because the institution where the student began a course is no longer publicly funded.

Transferring to a course with a lower fee or maximum loan amount within an institution

5. Amendments clarify the procedure where a student transfers to a course at the same institution for which lower fees are payable – in that the Student Loans Company will amend the fee on confirmation of a change of circumstance, removing the need or ability for a student to require the Secretary of State to do so.

Further Information

6. If you are unclear about how this guidance applies to a particular course, please contact the Student Loans Company.

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