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Dear Llywydd,

**The Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master's Degrees) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020**

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, as inserted by Sch.10 para 3 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, I am notifying you that this Statutory Instrument (SI) will come into force less than 21 days from the date of laying. The Explanatory Memorandum is attached for your information.

The Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master's Degrees) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 ("the Regulations") amend the Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master's Degrees) (Wales) Regulations 2019 ("the 2019 Regulations").

Student support regulations, made under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1988, underpin the system of financial support for students who are ordinarily resident in Wales and taking designated courses of higher education.

The Regulations will amend the 2019 Regulations to enable new distance learning students who are unable to be in Wales on the first day of their first academic year, due to the inability to travel for any reason connected with the Coronavirus pandemic, to remain eligible for student support. This instrument follows the negative resolution procedure.

As noted, the Regulations as made will come into force before 21 days have elapsed. This is due to the late stage in the year. The Regulations need to be in force by 1 September (the first day of the academic year) to enable students commencing their course on that date to remain eligible for support, as changes cannot be made retrospectively. This ensures that no students are disadvantaged by circumstances outside their control.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and this has been laid, together with the Regulations, in Table Office.

A copy of this letter goes to Mick Antoniw MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The script is cursive and fluid.

**Rebecca Evans AS/MS**  
Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd  
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