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SL(6)197 – The Regulated Services (Annual Returns) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2022

Procedure: Made Negative

These Regulations are made by the Welsh Ministers using powers under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act (“the Act”). The Act provides the statutory framework for the regulation and inspection of social care services and the regulation of the social care workforce in Wales.

The purpose of the Amendment Regulations 2022 is to delay, until 31 October 2022, the requirement for providers of regulated services to submit an annual return in respect of each of the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, during which they have been registered under the 2016 Act, to the Welsh Ministers (in practice, Care Inspectorate Wales). They also have the effect of reducing the content required for the 2021-22 annual returns, in line with requirements for previous years.

Regulated services include care home, secure accommodation, residential family centre, adoption, fostering, adult placement, regulated advocacy and domiciliary support services.

Parent Act: The Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016

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SL(6)199 – The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2022

Procedure: Made Negative

The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2022 (“the Regulations”) amend:

- the Higher Education (Qualifying Courses, Qualifying Persons and Supplementary Provision) (Wales) Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/1484) (“the 2015 Regulations”), and
- the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018 (SI 2018/191) (“the 2018 Regulations”).

The Welsh Ministers make regulations to provide the basis for the system of financial support for students ordinarily resident in Wales who are taking designated courses of higher education in the UK, and other students studying in Wales.

The 2015 Regulations prescribe the qualifying courses and qualifying persons for the purposes of section 5 of the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015 which sets out that fee and access plans must specify (or provide for the determination of) fee limits in relation to qualifying courses each academic year. Fee limits are the maximum amount which a qualifying person will have to pay an institution for undertaking a qualifying course.

According to the Explanatory Memorandum, the Regulations amend the 2015 Regulations *“to reflect correct policy that Irish Citizens are qualifying persons under the 2015 Regulations if they are an Irish citizen on the first day of an academic year”*.

The 2018 Regulations provide for financial support for students taking designated higher education courses which begin on or after 1 August 2018.

The Regulations amend the 2018 Regulations to correct an issue identified by the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee in its report of 14 February 2022. Schedule 4 of the 2018 Regulations makes reference to an “eligible student” but should make reference to an “eligible postgraduate student”.

Parent Act: Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 and Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015

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