

Government Response: The Education (Student Finance) (Fee Limit and Loan Amounts) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2024

Technical Scrutiny Point 1: The purpose of the amendments to the 2017 Regulations made by regulation 7 is to correct earlier omissions in relation to the courses listed in regulation 5(1)(ea) of those Regulations to ensure that students attending such courses can receive fee support.

Technical Scrutiny Point 2: The Explanatory Note correctly says that academic years that begin on or after 1 August 2024 will attract the increase fee loan amount. Regulation 40 of the 2018 Regulations refers to academic years beginning on or after 1 September as a result of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to those Regulations. That allocates, for the purposes of the 2018 Regulations, a fixed date for the start of an academic year by reference to the actual date an academic year begins. In the case of an academic year that actually begins on 1 August, the Regulations deem the academic year to begin on 1 September.