

National Assembly for Wales

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

Statutory Instruments with Clear Reports

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CLA696 - The Higher Education (Qualifying Courses, Qualifying Persons and Supplementary Provision) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

Procedure: Negative

The Higher Education (Qualifying Courses, Qualifying Persons and Supplementary Provision) (Wales) Regulations 2015 (“the 2015 Regulations”) prescribe the qualifying courses and qualifying persons for the purposes of the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015 (“the 2015 Act”), section 5 of 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.

New regulation 3 prescribes the description of a qualifying course in relation to a 2004 Act plan (a plan approved in relation to Wales under section 34 of the Higher Education Act 2004 before 1 August 2015) for the purposes of the transitional period under the 2015 Act.

New regulation 3A prescribes the description of a qualifying course in relation to a fee and access plan under the 2015 Act which is not a 2004 Act plan.

New regulation 3B provides, for the purposes of new regulations 3 and 3A, for when a course is not a qualifying course.

CLA697 -The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2016

Procedure: Negative

These Regulations amend the National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Regulations 1997 (“the Optical Regulations”) which provide for payments to be made by means of a voucher system in respect of costs incurred by certain categories of persons in connection with sight tests and the supply, replacement and repair of optical appliances.

Regulation 2 and the Schedule amend Schedules 1, 2 and 3 to the Optical Regulations to increase:

- the value of vouchers issued towards the cost of the supply and replacement of glasses and contact lenses;



- the additional values for vouchers for prisms, tints, photochromic lenses and special categories of appliances;
- the value of vouchers issued towards the cost of the repair and replacement of optical appliances.

