STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# EDUCATION, ENGLAND AND WALES

## The State Awards Regulations 1963

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The Minister of Education, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3 of the Education Act 1962(**a**), hereby makes the following regulations: —

**1.**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the State Awards Regulations 1963, and shall come into operation on 1st September 1963.

(2) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Minister" means the Minister of Education;

"university" includes a university college and a constituent college or school of a university.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

**2.** These regulations authorise the Minister to bestow awards, hereinafter called "State Awards", of the following types—

(*a*) State Studentships, being awards to persons in respect of their attendance at such courses at universities, colleges or other institutions, whether in England or Wales or elsewhere, as are designated by or under the next following regulation; and

(*b*) State Scholarships for Mature Students, being awards to persons, qualified as to age as hereinafter provided, in respect of their attendance at such courses at universities, colleges or other institutions, whether in England or Wales or elsewhere, as are designated by or under the next following regulation as being first degree courses or comparable to first degree courses.

**3.**—(1) The courses designated for the purposes of paragraph (*a*) of the last foregoing regulation shall be the following full-time courses in Arts or Social Studies:—

(*a*) at a university in England or Wales in preparation for a doctorate or master's degree;

(*b*) at Oxford University in preparation for a degree of bachelor of letters or bachelor of philosophy; and

(*c*) such other full-time courses in Arts or Social Studies, being postgraduate courses or comparable to postgraduate courses, at universities, colleges or other institutions in the United Kingdom or, if the Minister thinks fit in special circumstances, abroad, as the Minister may from time to time designate under this paragraph of this regulation.

(2) The courses designated for the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of the last foregoing regulation shall be the following full-time courses: —

(*a*) at universities in the United Kingdom or, if the Minister thinks fit in special circumstances, abroad, in preparation for a first degree in Economics, English, History or Sociology, not restricted to students already holding first degrees; and

(*b*) such other full-time courses, being first degree courses, or comparable to first degree courses, in the field of liberal studies at universities, colleges

(a) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 12. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

or other institutions in the United Kingdom or, if the Minister thinks fit in special circumstances, abroad, not restricted to students already holding first degrees, as the Minister may from time to time designate under this paragraph of this regulation.

**4.**—(1) Candidates for State Awards shall satisfy the Minister as to their educational qualifications and the Minister may require the submission of such evidence of the fitness of candidates as he may think necessary and may require candidates to attend interviews.

(2) A candidate for a State Scholarship for Mature Students shall have attained the age of 25 before the 31st August next following the date of his application.

**5.** A State Award shall be tenable for the duration of the designated course, subject to the Minister being satisfied as to the holder's attendance, conduct and progress:

Provided that in the case of a State Scholarship for Mature Students the Minister may, if he thinks fit, extend the period of tenure in respect of the holder's attendance at an additional course.

**6.** The Minister may pay to the holder of a State Award such grants as he thinks fit towards—

(*a*) the fees for the holder's course;

(*b*) the holder's maintenance including, where appropriate, the maintenance of dependants;

(*c*) the holder's travelling expenses during the course; and

(*d*) such other expenses of the holder as may be approved by the Minister:

Provided that in determining the amount of such grants the Minister may take account of any income of the holder, including any other awards, and of any dependants, and for that purpose every successful candidate shall submit a written statement of the income, or expected income, of himself and of any dependants.

**7.**—(1) Every holder of a State Award shall, as soon as possible, submit a written statement of any change in the financial circumstances of himself or of any dependant.

(2) A State Award may be suspended or cancelled if the Minister is not satisfied with the holder's attendance, conduct or progress.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Education on 11th July 1963.

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Minister of Education.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These regulations authorise the Minister of Education to make two types of State Award, namely State Scholarships for Mature Students and State Studentships. The former are awarded to selected students over the age of 25 to enable them to take university degree courses in liberal studies which they were unable to embark upon at the normal age. The latter are awarded for full-time advanced postgraduate study in Arts and Social Studies. These regulations specify the courses for which these two kinds of awards are tenable, prescribe the conditions to which they are subject and allow for the payment of appropriate grants in respect of fees and maintenance.