STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 164

EDUCATION

The Student Fees (Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*8th October 2025*
Coming into operation	*1st September 2026*

The Department for the Economy(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 4(8) and 14(4) of the Higher Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005(**b**), makes the following Regulations.

In accordance with Article 4(11)(a)(i) and (b)(i) of the Higher Education (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 the Department is satisfied that the increases to the basic and higher amounts are no greater than are required to maintain the value of those amounts in real terms.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Student Fees (Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025.

(2) Regulations 2 to 4 come into operation on 1st September 2026.

Amendment of the Student Fees (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005

2. The Student Fees (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005(**c**) shall be amended as provided by regulations 3 and 4.

3. In regulation 3 (prescribed basic and higher amounts)—

(a) for "£1,910" substitute "£1,960"; and

(b) for "£4,855" substitute "£4,985".

4. In regulation 4 (prescribed basic and higher amounts for specified courses)—

(a) for "£930" substitute "£955"; and

(b) for "£2,410" substitute "£2,475".

(**a**) Formerly the Department for Employment and Learning; *see* Article 6(1)(c) of the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 76).

(**b**) S.I. 2005/1116 (N.I. 5).

(**c**) S.R. 2005 No. 290 as amended by S.R. 2006 No. 455, S.R. 2007 No. 442, S.R. 2008 No. 455, S.R. 2009 No. 400, S.R 2011 Nos. 1 and 369, S.R. 2012 No. 184, S.R. 2013 No. 120, S.R. 2014 No. 116, S.R. 2015 No. 243, S.R. 2016 No. 354, S.R. 2017 No. 104, S.R. 2018 No. 105, S.R. 2019 No. 102, S.R. 2020 No. 98, S.R. 2021 No. 260, S.R. 2022 No. 263, S.R. 2024 No. 19 and S.R. 2025 No.32.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for the Economy on 8th October 2025.

L.S.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Regulations 2 to 4 of these regulations amend the Student Fees (Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 ("the 2005 Regulations") by increasing the basic and higher amounts prescribed in the 2005 Regulations. In each case the increases are by 2.7% and will come into operation on 1st September 2026.

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