STUDENT SUPPORT INFORMATION NOTE (SSIN)

Arrangements for students funded under the Education (Student Support) Regulations

To: Student Finance administrators and practitioners in institutions of higher education, further education or specialist colleges providing HE, and alternative providers; Student Finance advisors, and the Student Loans Company

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Dear Colleagues,

Operation of the 'events' provisions

- 1. This SSIN provides guidance on how the 'events' provisions in regulations 16 and 17 of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2011 and associated regulations should be applied for academic year 2022/23. This is in response to concerns from some providers that students with Ukraine Scheme leave could not pick up support partway through their course if they were not ordinarily resident on the first day of the first academic year of that course. This is not the policy intention, and this note sets out the correct position.
- 2. The Department is satisfied that the operation of the 'events' provisions across the Student Finance regulations is such that persons granted leave under one of the Ukraine Schemes are entitled to pick up student support without otherwise complying with an ordinary residence requirement where this is set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations (including where there is a requirement to be ordinarily resident on the first day of the first academic year of the course).
- 3. We would expect that providers will set their fees for such students accordingly.
- 4. We are considering whether amendments might be necessary to the Regulations to make this clearer.

Further Information

5. Any queries about this SSIN can be addressed to the Student Eligibility Policy Team at DfE on studentfinance.eligibility@education.gov.uk

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