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Our Ref: SL5-19-03-2026

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Northern Ireland Assembly
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19 March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

Parent Legislation: Articles 3 and 8(4) of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.

Statutory Rule: The Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026, No.56

Made: 19 March 2026

Department: Department for the Economy

I enclose for laying before the Assembly a copy of the above-named Statutory Rule and explanatory memorandum.

The Rule is subject to negative resolution procedure in the Assembly.

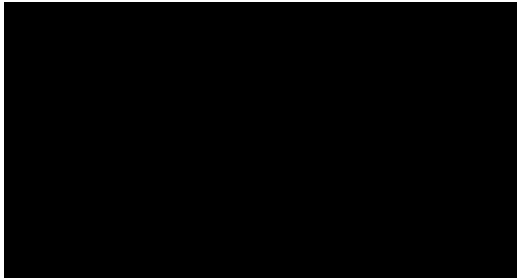
I am also sending you by e-mail electronic copies of this Rule, the explanatory memorandum and this letter. I understand that you will send electronic copies of those documents to the Departmental Committee Office, the Examiner of Statutory Rules and the Assembly Library.

There have been no changes to policy content since the SL1 was submitted to the Committee for the Economy. An additional paragraph has been added to the Explanatory Memorandum at paragraph 3.2 which explicitly outlines the uplift to Tuition Fee Loan rates for part-time and distance learning courses.

As Head of Student Support, I will attend when requested, in order to give any further information required by the Committee.

Contact [REDACTED] or telephone [REDACTED], Head of Student Support Branch, on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

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Signed for the Department for the Economy

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