Social security: employed persons, self-employed persons and their families (amend. Regul. 1408/71 /EEC)

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PURPOSE : the extension of Regulations on the application of social security schemes in the Community to cover students. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Regulation 307/1999/EC amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1408/71 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community and Regulation (EEC) No. 574/72 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation (EEC) No. 1408/71 with a view to extending them to cover students. CONTENT : The Regulation sets out to update the rules laid down in Regulation 1408/71 /EEC and its implementing Regulation 574/72/EEC, concerning the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and members of their families moving within the Community with a specific purpose : extend their application to students, as long as they are insured in one Member State. Students should be considered as persons who study or receive vocational training leading to a qualification officially recognised by the authorities of a Member State. The extension of these rules to students implies by analogy the extension of measures to members of their families or their survivors. However, it should be noted that because of the specific situation of students, the Regulation does not establish a comprehensive system for the co-ordination of the social security rights of students at Community level, in particular in respect of invalidity benefits. There are also some derogations that relate to the care and mobility needs of disabled people. In addition, there is also the specific situation of Luxembourg, where all students who study abroad are entitled to health care, which justifies such students being automatically exempted from the requirement to join a health insurance scheme in the country in which they pursue their studies. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 01.05.1999.