
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 181

**The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment
No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Amendment of regulation 94 of the principal Regulations

7. In regulation 94 of the principal Regulations (circumstances in which payment may be made to a landlord or the Department of the Environment)—

(a) after paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“(1A) Without prejudice to the power in paragraph (1), in any case where in the opinion of the Executive—

(a) the claimant has not already discharged his liability to pay his landlord for the period in respect of which any payment is to be made, and

(b) it would be in the interests of the efficient administration of housing benefit, a first payment of a rent allowance following the determination of a claim may be made, in whole or in part, by sending to the claimant an instrument of payment payable to that landlord.”;

(b) in paragraph (2) for “paragraph (1)(a), (b) or (c)” there shall be substituted “paragraphs (1)(a), (b) or (c) or (1A)”.