
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 (“the 1987 Regulations”) which provide for a scheme whereby housing benefit is payable to persons who are liable to make certain payments in respect of a dwelling as their home.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 6(2) of the 1987 Regulations, to preserve the policy that housing benefit, for those whose tenancy has a rent and rate-free period, assists with the full rent only in the weeks in which the rent is actually paid.

Regulation 3 amends regulation 70(1) of the 1987 Regulations, to preserve the policy that housing benefit, for those whose tenancy has a rent and rate-free period, assists with the full rent only in the weeks in which the rent is actually due.

The Regulations do not impose any charge on business.