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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 33**

**The Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and come into force on 13th March 2020.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the 2007 Act” means the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007;

“assessment period” has the meaning in regulation 22 of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016<sup>M1</sup>;

“coronavirus” means COVID-19;

“employment and support allowance” means an employment and support allowance under Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007;

“existing award” means an award of universal credit or employment and support allowance that exists on the date on which these regulations come into force;

“isolation” in relation to a person, means the separation of that person from any other person in such a manner as to prevent infection or contamination with Coronavirus disease;

“qualifying young person” has the meaning in regulation 6 of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016;

“universal credit” means universal credit payable under Part 2 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** [Reg. 1](#) in operation at 13.3.2020, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** [S.R. 2016 No. 216](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Employment and Support Allowance and Universal Credit (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020, Section 1.