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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 107**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Social Security (Claims and Payments)  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

*Made* - - - - *9th March 2012*

*Coming into operation* *1st April 2012*

The Department for Social Development makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 13A(2)(b) and 165(1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1) and now vested in it(2).

In accordance with section 13A(2) of that Act it has consulted with such organisations representing qualifying lenders likely to be affected by the Regulations as it considers appropriate.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2012.

**Amendment of the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations**

2. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(3) (deductions of mortgage interest from benefit and payment to qualifying lenders) for “£0·43” substitute “£0·38”.

**Revocation**

3. The Social Security (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011(4) are revoked.

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(1) 1992 c. 8; section 13A was inserted by paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the [Social Security \(Mortgage Interest Payments\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1992 \(S.I. 1992/ 1309 \(N.I. 9\)\)](#) and amended by paragraph 23 of Schedule 2 to the [Jobseekers \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1995 \(S.I. 1995/2705 \(N.I. 15\)\)](#), paragraph 9 of Schedule 2 to the [State Pension Credit Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2002 \(c. 14 \(N.I.\)\)](#), Article 18 of [S.I. 2002/1555](#), paragraph 109 of Schedule 24 to the [Civil Partnership Act 2004 \(c. 33\)](#) and paragraph 4(5) of Schedule 3 to the [Welfare Reform Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2007 \(c. 2 \(N.I.\)\)](#) and section 165(1) was amended by paragraph 49(2) of Schedule 3 to the [Social Security Contributions \(Transfer of Functions, etc.\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1999 \(S.I. 1999/671\)](#)

(2) See Article 8(b) of [S.R. 1999 No. 481](#)

(3) [S.R. 1987 No. 465](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 1992 No. 271](#), [S.R. 2003 No. 191](#) and [S.R. 2011 No. 90](#)

(4) [S.R. 2011 No. 90](#)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 9th March 2012

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends paragraph 6 of Schedule 8B to the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 by reducing from £0.43 to £0.38 the fee which qualifying lenders pay for the purpose of defraying administrative expenses incurred by the Department for Social Development in making payments in respect of mortgage interest direct to those lenders.

Regulation 3 makes a consequential revocation.

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in relation to Great Britain and accordingly, by virtue of section 149(3) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to, the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.