STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 270

WELFARE REFORM

The Discretionary Support Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

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THE DISCRETIONARY SUPPORT REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2016

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- 1. Any need which occurs outside Northern Ireland.
- 2. An educational or training need including clothing, tools, school uniforms...
- 3. Work related expenses.
- 4. Expenses in connection with court or legal proceedings (including community...
- 5. Domestic assistance and respite care.
- 6. Medical items or services including surgical, optical, aural and dental....
- 7. Mobility needs.
- 8. Funeral and maternity expenses.
- 9. Any expenses which the Trusts or Local Councils have a...
- 10. Housing costs, including repairs modifications and improvements to the dwelling...
- 11. Removal or storage charges where a claimant is re-housed following...

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- 12. Costs associated with home or personal security measures including locks,...
- 13. A television or radio and licence, aerial, cable, satellite or...
- 14. Costs of purchasing, renting, installing or maintaining a computer, telephone,...
- 15. Garaging, parking, taxi use, purchase and running costs of any...
- 16. Holidays.
- 17. Debts to government departments.
- 18. Investments.

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- 1. Any need which occurs outside Northern Ireland.
- 2. An educational or training need including clothing, tools, school uniforms...
- 3. Work related expenses.
- 4. Expenses in connection with court or legal proceedings (including community...
- 5. Domestic assistance and respite care.
- Medical items or services including surgical, optical, aural and dental....
- 7. Mobility needs.
- 8. Funeral and maternity expenses.
- 9. Any expenses which the Trusts or Local Government have a...
- 10. Housing costs, including repairs modifications and improvements to the dwelling...
- 11. Removal or storage charges where a claimant is re-housed following...
- 12. Costs associated with home or personal security measures including locks
- 13. A television or radio and licence, aerial, cable, satellite or...
- 14. Costs of purchasing, renting, installing or maintaining a computer telephone,...
- 15. Garaging, parking, taxi use, purchase and running costs of any...
- 16. Holidays.
- 17. Debts to government departments.
- 18. Investments.
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- 3. Any payment in respect of any expenses incurred by the...
- 4. Any payments under article 15(1) or article 29(1) of the...
- 5. Access to Work payments.
- 6. Any reimbursements for hospital travel or prescription charges under the
- 7. Northern Ireland Single Assessment Tool (NISAT).
- 8. Any payments made in respect of Fostering Allowance and other...
- 9. Expenses paid to jurors or witnesses in court cases (excluding...
- 10. In the case of employment as an employed earner, any...
- 11. In the case of a payment of statutory sick pay...

- 12. Any payment to the claimant as a holder of the...
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- 14. Any payment to the claimant under the Civilian War Pension...
- 15. Except where regulation 17 applies, income in kind.
- 16. Attendance Allowance under Section 64 Social Security Contributions and Benefits...
- 17. Disability Living Allowance under Section 71 Social Security Contributions and...
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- 33. Where a payment, to which paragraph 32 applies, is made...
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- 2. Any capital which is by virtue of regulation 16 to...
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- 4. Any payment made by the Victims and Survivors Service.
- 5. Any payment to the claimant of a War Disablement Pension...
- 6. Any payment to the claimant under the Civilian War Pension...
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- 9. Any discretionary support payment.
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- 11. The value of the right to receive any income under...
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- 13. Personal Independence Payments under Part 5 of the Welfare Reform...

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