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The Discretionary Support Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 2

Claims

**Decision to award a loan or a grant**

8.—(1) Where a claimant applies for a discretionary support award under regulation 4 a discretionary support officer may determine the claim as a claim for a loan or a grant.

(2) In making a decision in relation to a discretionary support award a discretionary support officer shall take into account any guidance issued by the Department.