

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 12(5)

Discretionary support grants – excluded items and services

1. Any need which occurs outside Northern Ireland.
2. An educational or training need including clothing, tools, school uniforms or sports clothes, equipment for use at school, school meals and travel to and from school.
3. Work related expenses.
4. Expenses in connection with court or legal proceedings (including community service orders) such as legal fees, court fees, fines, costs, damages, subsistence or travelling expenses.
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 Government have a statutory duty to meet.
10. Housing costs, including repairs modifications and improvements to the dwelling occupied as the main home, including any garage, garden, outbuildings, and including deposits to secure accommodation, mortgage payments, rates, water rates, sewerage rates, service charges, rent and all other charges for accommodation, whether or not such charges include payment for meals or services except daily living expenses such as food and groceries where such expenses are incurred in caring for a prisoner or young offender on temporary release under Rule 27 of the Prison and Young Offenders Centres Rules (Northern Ireland) 1995(1).
11. Removal or storage charges where a claimant is re-housed following the imposition of a compulsory purchase order, or a redevelopment or closing order, or a compulsory exchange of tenancies, or, pursuant to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's statutory duty to the homeless under the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1988(2).
12. Costs associated with home or personal security measures including locks, bolts for outside doors or windows, door chains, door viewers, installation of closed-circuit television, burglar alarms or security lighting.
13. A television or radio and licence, aerial, cable, satellite or rental charges for a television or radio.
14. Costs of purchasing, renting, installing or maintaining a computer telephone, mobile phone or internet including software, call or usage charges.
15. Garaging, parking, taxi use, purchase and running costs of any motor vehicle.
16. Holidays.
17. Debts to government departments.
18. Investments.
19. Costs of fuel consumption and any associated standing charges.
20. Travel and any associated accommodation expenses required to visit a close relative who is ill, attend a close relative's funeral, ease a domestic crisis, and visit a child who is with the other parent pending a family court decision or to move to other accommodation.

(1) S.R. 1995 No.8

(2) S.I. 1988 No. 1990 (N.I. 23)

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