STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Housing Benefit (General and Supply of Information) (Jobseeker's Allowance) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

Amendment of Schedule 5A to the principal Regulations

- 22. In Schedule 5A to the principal Regulations (extended payments of housing benefit)(1)—
 - (a) in paragraph 2—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a) after "income support" there shall be inserted "or an income-based jobseeker's allowance";
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (c) after "entitlement to income support" there shall be inserted "or an income-based jobseeker's allowance";
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (*d*) after "income support" there shall be inserted "or an income-based jobseeker's allowance", and
 - (iv) for sub-paragraph (e) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—
 - "(e) that the claimant had been entitled to and in receipt of income support or a jobseeker's allowance for a continuous period of at least 26 weeks until the relevant day in any of, or any combination of, the circumstances set out at sub-paragraph (c), and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph—
 - (i) any period of entitlement to and receipt of unemployment benefit shall be taken to be entitlement to and receipt of income support, and
 - (ii) for the avoidance of doubt a claimant satisfies the conditions of this sub-paragraph if he has been entitled to and in receipt of income support for at least 26 weeks, or a jobseeker's allowance for at least 26 weeks, or a combination of income support and a jobseeker's allowance for at least 26 weeks.";
 - (b) in paragraph 3—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) after "income support" there shall be inserted "or an income-based jobseeker's allowance", and
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (3)(a) at the beginning there shall be inserted "where the Department certifies under paragraph 2(a) that the claimant was entitled to and in receipt of income support,";
 - (c) in paragraph 13 in the definition of "the relevant day" after "income support" there shall be inserted "or an income-based jobseeker's allowance".