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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1997 No. 127**

**HOUSING; RATES**

**The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment  
No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997**

*Made* - - - -

*6th March 1997*

*Coming into operation*

*7th April 1997*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 122(1)(d), 129(2) and 171(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 7th April 1997.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(2)</sup> shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

**Amendment of regulation 51 of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations**

**2.** In regulation 51(2)(a) of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987<sup>(3)</sup> (eligible rent of students), after “income support” there shall be inserted “or an income-based jobseeker’s allowance”.

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<sup>(1)</sup> 1992 c. 7

<sup>(2)</sup> 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

<sup>(3)</sup> S.R. 1987 No. 461 to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland  
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6th March 1997.

*John O'Neill*  
Assistant Secretary

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 by providing that for the purpose of calculating the eligible rent of a student during the period of his study, the prescribed deductions shall not apply to a student who is on an income-based jobseeker's allowance (regulation 2).

These Regulations make in relation to Northern Ireland only provision corresponding to provision contained in Regulations made by the Secretary of State for Social Security 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 (c. 8), are not subject to the requirement of section 149(2) of that Act for prior reference to the Social Security Advisory Committee.