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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 1997 No. 4

# The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation as follows—

(a) for the purposes of regulations 1, 3 and 8(*b*), on 1st April 1997; and

(b) for the purposes of regulations 2, 4 to 8(*a*) and 9—

(i) in any case to which paragraph (2) applies, on 1st April 1997, and

(ii) in any other case, on 7th April 1997.

(2) This paragraph applies in any case where—

(a) rent is payable at intervals of one month or any other interval which is not a week or a multiple thereof, or

(b) payments by way of rates are not made together with payments of rent at weekly intervals or multiples thereof.

(3) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**1**).

(4) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**2**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(**1**) S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1990 Nos. 136, 297 and 345, S.R. 1991 No. 520, S.R. 1995 No. 129 and S.R. 1996 Nos. 84, 115 and 448

(**2**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)