## STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 1998 No. 114

## HOUSING

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Made - - - -Coming into operation 19th March 1998 1st June 1998

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(d) and 129(4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(1) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

#### Citation, commencement and interpretation

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1998.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

#### Amendment of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations

**2.**—(1) The Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(4) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 10A(3)(a)(5) (determinations) for "under paragraph 3 or 4" there shall be substituted "under paragraph 3, 4 or 4A".

(3) In Schedule 1A(6) (determinations of rent payable) in paragraph 4A(2)(7) (single room rents) for head (b)(iv) there shall be substituted—

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

<sup>(2)</sup> See section 150(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)

<sup>(</sup>**3**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

<sup>(4)</sup> S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1996 Nos. 111, 181 and 221

<sup>(5)</sup> Regulation 10A was inserted by regulation 6 of S.R. 1996 No. 111 and amended by regulation 3 of S.R. 1996 No. 181 and regulation 2 of S.R. 1996 No. 221

<sup>(6)</sup> Schedule 1A was inserted by Schedule 1 to S.R. 1996 No. 111

<sup>(7)</sup> Paragraph 4A was inserted by regulation 8 of S.R. 1996 No. 181

"(iv) shares the use of a kitchen and does not have the exclusive use of facilities for cooking food, and".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland on

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19th March 1998.

John O'Neill Assistant Secretary

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987.

Regulation 2(2) extends the provisions to include single room rent for which a determination is not required.

Regulation 2(3) amends the criteria under which a single room rent is to be determined.