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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2000 No. 61**

**HOUSING**

**Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000**

*Made - - - - 3rd March 2000*

*Coming into operation 17th April 2000*

The Department for Social Development<sup>(1)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 69(3) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992<sup>(2)</sup> and now exercisable by it<sup>(3)</sup> and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 17th April 2000.

**Amendments**

2. The Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992<sup>(4)</sup> are amended in accordance with regulations 3 and 4.

**Regulation 1**

3. In regulation 1 (citation, commencement and interpretation), for paragraph (2), substitute—
- “(2) In these Regulations—
- (a) “the Order” means the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992;
  - (b) “income-based jobseeker’s allowance” means an income-based jobseeker’s allowance within Article 3(4) of the Jobseeker’s (Northern Ireland) Order 1995<sup>(5)</sup>;

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(1) S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)  
(2) S.I. 1992/1725 (N.I. 15)  
(3) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(e) and Schedule 4 Part V  
(4) S.R. 1992 No. 377 as amended by S.R. 1997 No. 79  
(5) S.I. 1995/2705 (N.I. 15)

- (c) “working families' tax credit” means a working families' tax credit under section 127 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(6);
- (d) “disabled persons' tax credit” means a disabled persons' tax credit under section 128 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(7).”

#### **Regulation 4**

4. For regulation 4(c) (persons to whom assistance may be given), substitute—

- “(c) either he, or his spouse, or the person with whom he lives as husband and wife, is in receipt of income support, income-based jobseeker’s allowance, working families' tax credit, disabled persons' tax credit or housing benefit under Part VII of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.”.

#### **Application**

5. The amendments made by these Regulations shall not have effect in relation to applications for assistance made before these Regulations come into force.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 3rd March 2000.

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(6) 1992 c. 7; see section 1(1) and Schedule 1 to the Tax Credits Act 1999 (c. 10)

(7) See section 1(1) and Schedule 1 to the Tax Credits Act 1999 (c. 10)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Assistance for Minor Works to Dwellings Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 which provide for the Housing Executive to give assistance by way of grant under Article 69 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 for the provision of minor works to dwellings.

Regulation 3 defines income-based jobseekers' allowance which was introduced by the Jobseekers (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, as well as working families' tax credit and disabled persons' tax credit which were introduced by the Tax Credits Act 1999. Working families' tax credit and disabled persons' tax credit replaced family credit and disability working allowance respectively with effect from 5th October 1999.

Regulation 4 amends the conditions for access to grant to include receipt of working families' tax credit and disabled persons' tax credit.