

2003 No. 387

HOUSING

**Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Reduction of Grant)
(Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

Made - - - - - *21st August 2003*

Coming into operation *6th October 2003*

The Department for Social Development(a), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 47 of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(b) and now exercisable by it(c), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Reduction of Grant) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 6th October 2003.

Amendments

2. The Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Reduction of Grant) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(d) are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 8.

Regulation 2

3. In regulation 2(1) (interpretation), after the definition of “payment”, insert “ “pension credit” means the guarantee credit element of state pension credit under section 2 of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002(e);”;

Regulation 6

4. In paragraph (6) of regulation 6 (remunerative work), after “income support” insert “, pension credit”.

Regulation 9

5. In paragraph (2)(a) of regulation 9 (the applicable amount)(f), after “income support” insert “, pension credit”.

(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(b) S.I. 1992/1725 (N.I. 15)
(c) S.R. 1999 No. 481; Article 6(e) and Schedule 4 Part V
(d) S.R. 1997 No. 456 as amended by S.R. 1998 No. 396, S.R. 1999 No. 387, S.R. 2000 Nos. 62 and 325, S.R. 2001 No. 315, S.R. 2003 No. 234 and S.R. 2003 No. 282
(e) 2002 c. 14 (N.I.)
(f) Paragraph 2(a) was amended by S.R. 1998 No. 396

Schedule 2

6. In paragraph 12 of Schedule 2 (sums to be disregarded in the determination of earnings), after “income support” insert “, pension credit”.

Schedule 3

7.—(1) In paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 (sums to be disregarded in the determination of income other than earnings), after “income support” insert “, pension credit”.

(2) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 3, after sub-paragraph (b) insert “(bb) pension credit;”.

Schedule 4

8. In paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 (capital to be disregarded), after “income support” insert “, pension credit”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 21st August 2003.

(L.S.)

David Crothers

A senior officer of the Department for Social Development

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 22nd August 2003.

(L.S.)

Linda Wilson

A senior officer of the Department of Finance and Personnel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Housing Renovation etc. Grants (Reduction of Grant) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 which set out the means test for determining the amount of renovation grant and disabled facilities grant which may be paid by the Housing Executive to owner-occupier and tenant applicants under Chapter I of Part III of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992. The amendments take account of the introduction of state pension credit, of which the guarantee credit element is an income-related entitlement that replaces income support (minimum income guarantee) for people aged 60 and over.

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