

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO MISCELLANEOUS SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

The Housing Renewal Grants (Reduction of Grant) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004(1)

19.—(1) In regulation 2(1) (Interpretation)—

(a) for the definition of “close relative”, substitute—

““close relative” means a parent, parent-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, step-parent, step-son, step-daughter, brother, sister or if any of the preceding persons is one of a couple, the other member of that couple;”;

(b) after the definition of “concessionary payment”, insert—

““couple” means—

- (a) a man and woman who are married to each other and are members of the same household;
- (b) a man and woman who are not married to each other but are living together as husband and wife;
- (c) two people of the same sex who are civil partners of each other and are members of the same household; or
- (d) two people of the same sex who are not civil partners of each other but are living together as if they were civil partners;”;

(c) for the definition of “family”, substitute—

““family” means—

- (a) a couple;
- (b) a couple and a member of the same household for whom one of the couple is, or both are, responsible, and who is a child or young person;
- (c) a person who is not a member of a couple and a member of the same household for whom that person is responsible and who is a child or young person;”;
- (d) omit the definitions of “married couple”, “member of a couple” and “unmarried couple”;
- (e) in the definition of “partner”, delete “married or unmarried”.

(2) For regulation 11(2)(b)(ii) (The applicable amount), substitute—

“(ii) those relevant persons who are members of a couple, the other member of which is in receipt of guarantee credit,”

(3) In the definition of “contribution” in regulation 42 (Interpretation), after “spouse” insert “or civil partner”.

(4) In paragraph 10(b) (Bereavement Premium) of Schedule 1 (APPLICABLE AMOUNTS), after “spouse” insert “or civil partner”.

(5) For paragraph 12(b) of Schedule 2 (SUMS TO BE DISREGARDED IN THE DETERMINATION OF EARNINGS), substitute—

“(b) is a member of a couple and the other member of that couple is in receipt of guarantee credit, his earnings.”.

(6) In Schedule 3 (SUMS TO BE DISREGARDED IN THE DETERMINATION OF INCOME OTHER THAN EARNINGS)—

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- (a) for paragraph 4(b), substitute—
 - “(b) is a member of a couple and the other member of that couple is in receipt of guarantee credit,”;
 - (b) in paragraph 13, after “widower's” insert “or surviving civil partner's”;
 - (c) in paragraph 14(b), after “widower's” insert “or surviving civil partner's”;
 - (d) in paragraph 35, after “divorced” in each place where it occurs insert “or whose civil partnership with the relevant person has been dissolved”.
- (7) In Schedule 4 (CAPITAL TO BE DISREGARDED)—
- (a) in paragraphs 5 and 24, after “divorced” in each place where it occurs insert “or whose civil partnership with the relevant person has been dissolved”;
 - (b) for paragraph 6(b), substitute—
 - “(b) is a member of a couple and the other member of that couple is in receipt of guarantee credit,”;
 - (c) in paragraph 25(1), after “former partner” insert “or the dissolution of his civil partnership with his former partner”;
 - (d) in paragraph 52, after “spouse” in both places where it occurs insert “civil partner”;
 - (e) in paragraph 56, after “spouse” in both places where it occurs insert “or civil partner”.