
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2006 No. 463

The Housing Benefit (Electronic Communications) Order (Northern Ireland) 2006

Amendment of the Housing Benefit Regulations

2.—(1) The Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(1) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In regulation 2(1) (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “the Children Order” insert—

““the Electronic Communications Act” means the Electronic Communications Act (Northern Ireland) 2001;” and

(b) after the definition of “the Eileen Trust” insert—

““electronic communication” has the same meaning as in section 4(1) of the Electronic Communications Act;”.

(3) After regulation 81 (time and manner in which claims are to be made) insert—

“Electronic claims for benefit

81A. A claim for housing benefit may be made by means of an electronic communication in accordance with Schedule 11.”.

(4) After regulation 84 (duty to notify change of circumstances) insert—

“Notice of change of circumstances given electronically

84A. A person may give notice of a change of circumstances required to be notified under regulation 84 by means of an electronic communication in accordance with Schedule 11.”.

(5) After Schedule 10 (matters to be included in decision notice) add as Schedule 11 the Schedule set out in the Schedule to this Order.