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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2008 No. 357**

**The Social Fund (Applications and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008**

**Condition to be satisfied before payment of a repayable social fund award**

7.—(1) In this regulation “section 135 notification” means the notification given by the Department, under section 135(4) of the Act, of the terms and conditions on which an award of a crisis loan or budgeting loan is repayable.

(2) Where an application for a crisis loan is not made in writing, before an award is paid the applicant must provide satisfactory evidence of his identity.

(3) Before an award of a crisis loan or a budgeting loan is paid, the applicant must inform the Department that he agrees to the terms and conditions contained in the section 135 notification, and, subject to paragraph (4), he must do so in writing.

(4) In the case of a crisis loan, the applicant need not inform the Department in writing if the application for the loan was not made in writing.

(5) The applicant must inform the Department of his agreement to the terms and conditions contained in the section 135 notification within the period of 14 days beginning with the date on which the Department notified them to him.

(6) The Department may extend the time specified in paragraph (5) where it is satisfied that special reasons apply, even if it has already expired.