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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations make provisions consequential upon the introduction of employment and support allowance by inserting references to employment and support allowance where appropriate in—

- the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;
- the Employment Rights (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;
- the Legal Aid (Assessment of Resources) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981;
- the Legal Advice and Assistance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981;
- the Adoption Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996;
- the National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999;
- the Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000;
- the Asylum Support Regulations 2000;
- the Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) Regulations 2002;
- the Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2006;
- the Healthy Start Scheme and Day Care Food Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006;
- and
- the Gender Recognition (Application Fees) Order 2006.

Sections 25(2) and 28(2) of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007, the enabling provisions under which these Regulations are made, were brought into operation for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations on 1st July 2008, and for all other purposes on 27th July 2008, by virtue of the Welfare Reform (2007 Act) (Commencement No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 ([S.R. 2008 No. 276 \(C. 14\)](#)).