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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2014 No. 105**

**The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014**

**Amendment of the Income Support Regulations**

2.—(1) The Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(1) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (6).

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

(a) in paragraph (1)(2) omit the definition of “service user group”; and

(b) after paragraph (1A)(3) insert—

“(1B) References in these Regulations to a claimant participating as a service user are to—

(a) a person who is being consulted by or on behalf of—

(i) a body which has a statutory duty to provide services in the field of health, social care or social housing, or

(ii) a body which conducts research or undertakes monitoring for the purpose of planning or improving such services,

in their capacity as a user, potential user, carer of a user or person otherwise affected by the provision of those services; or

(b) the carer of a person consulted under sub-paragraph (a).”

(3) In regulation 35(2)(f)(4) (earnings of employed earners) for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(4) In regulation 42(8ZA)(5) (notional income) for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(5) In paragraph 12(2B)(6) (the standard rate) of Schedule 3 (housing costs) for “0.5%” substitute “0.5 percentage points”.

(6) In paragraph 2A(7) of Schedule 9 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

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(1) [S.R. 1987 No. 459](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2002 No. 132](#), [S.R. 2003 No. 261](#), [S.R. 2005 No. 458](#), [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#) and [S.R. 2010 No. 340](#)

(2) The definition of “service user group” was inserted by regulation 2(2)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(3) Paragraph 1A was inserted by paragraph 1(b) of the Schedule to [S.R. 2002 No. 132](#) and amended by regulation 3 of and paragraph 1(b) of Schedule 1 to [S.R. 2005 No. 458](#) and regulation 3(2) of [S.R. 2003 No. 261](#)

(4) Paragraph (2)(f) was added by regulation 2(6) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(5) Paragraph (8ZA) was inserted by regulation 2(8)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(6) Sub-paragraph (2B) was inserted by regulation 2(2) of [S.R. 2010 No. 340](#)

(7) Paragraph 2A was inserted by regulation 2(16)(a) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)