
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 105

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

Amendment of the Housing Benefit Regulations

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

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

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

(b) after paragraph (4) insert—

“(4A) 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 32(2)(d)⁽³⁾ (earnings of employed earners) for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(4) In regulation 39(12A)⁽⁴⁾ (notional income) for “claimant’s participation in a service user group” substitute “claimant participating as a service user”.

(5) In paragraph 2A⁽⁵⁾ of Schedule 6 (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”.

(1) [S.R. 2006 No. 405](#); relevant amending Regulation is [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(2) The definition of “service user group” was inserted by regulation 6(2)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(3) Sub-paragraph (d) was inserted by regulation 6(3) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(4) Paragraph (12A) was inserted by regulation 6(4)(b) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)

(5) Paragraph 2A was inserted by regulation 6(6)(a) of [S.R. 2009 No. 338](#)