

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

Housing costs element for renters

PART 3

General provisions about calculation of amount of housing costs element for renters

Room allocation

Number of bedrooms to which a renter is entitled

9.—(1) A renter is entitled to one bedroom for each of the following categories of persons in their extended benefit unit—

- (a) the renter (or joint renters);
- (b) a qualifying young person for whom the renter or either joint renter is responsible;
- (c) a non-dependant who is not a child;
- (d) two children who are under 10 years old;
- (e) two children of the same sex;
- (f) any other child.

(2) A member of the extended benefit unit to whom two or more of the descriptions in subparagraph (1) apply is to be allotted to whichever description results in the renter being entitled to the fewest bedrooms.

(3) In determining the number of bedrooms to which a renter is entitled, the following must also be taken into account—

- (a) the provisions of paragraph 10 as to treatment of periods of temporary absence of members of the renter's extended benefit unit;
- (b) any entitlement to an additional bedroom in accordance with paragraph 11;
- (c) for the purpose of any calculation under Part 4 of this Schedule, the additional requirement in paragraphs 25 to 28.