
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 258

**The Housing Benefit (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Amendment of the Housing Benefit (Consequential Provisions) Regulations relating to the determination of the maximum rent (social sector)

5.—(1) In paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 (transitional and savings provisions) to the Housing Benefit (Consequential Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006⁽¹⁾—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1A)⁽²⁾—

(i) at the end of head (a) omit “or”;

(ii) after head (a) insert—

“(aa) a determination of eligible rent in a case where a person’s landlord is a registered housing association within the meaning of regulation 2 of the Housing Benefit Regulations or any case where housing benefit is payable in the form of a rent rebate unless—

(i) the claimant or the claimant’s partner has attained the qualifying age for state pension credit, or both have attained that age;

(ii) a relevant authority has, on or before 2nd January 2017, reduced that person’s eligible rent in accordance with regulation 14(3) of the Housing Benefit Regulations as set out in paragraph 5 of this Schedule;

(iii) a relevant authority has, on or before 2nd January 2017, made a determination that the person’s dwelling is larger than is reasonably required or that the person’s rent is unreasonably high in accordance with regulation 14(3) of the Housing Benefit Regulations as set out in paragraph 5 of this Schedule, but has not, in accordance with paragraph (4), (5) or (7) of that regulation, reduced that person’s eligible rent; or”.

(b) in sub-paragraph (9) in head (a) of the definition of “eligible rent”⁽³⁾ after “regulations 13A (eligible rent),” insert “13AA (eligible rent and maximum rent (social sector)),”.

⁽¹⁾ [S.R. 2006 No. 407](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2008 No. 103](#)

⁽²⁾ Sub-paragraph(1A) was inserted by regulation 6(a)(i) of [S.R. 2008 No. 103](#)

⁽³⁾ The definition of “eligible rent” was inserted by regulation 6(a)(ii)(aa) of [S.R. 2008 No. 103](#)