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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2017 No. 50**

The Employment and Support Allowance  
(Exempt Work & Hardship Amounts)  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

PART 3

Hardship Amounts

**Amendment of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008**

**5.** In regulation 64D of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the amount of a hardship payment) **(1)** for paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) A hardship payment is either—

- (a) 80% of the prescribed amount for a single claimant as set out in paragraph (1)(a) of Part 1 of Schedule 4**(2)** where—
  - (i) the claimant has an award of employment and support allowance which does not include entitlement to a work-related activity component under section 4(2)(b) of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007 as in operation immediately before 3rd April 2017, and
  - (ii) the claimant or any other member of their family is either pregnant or seriously ill; or
- (b) 60% of the prescribed amount for a single claimant as set out in paragraph (1)(a) of Part 1 of Schedule 4 in any other case.”.

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**(1)** Regulation 64D is inserted by regulation 6 of [S.R. 2016 No. 240](#).

**(2)** The figures in paragraph 1(a) of Part 1 of Schedule 4 were substituted by paragraph 1 of Schedule 14 to the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 ([S.R. 2015 No. 124](#)).