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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2018 No. 192**

**The Social Fund and Income-Related Benefits (Miscellaneous Amendments and Savings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018**

**PART 3**

Amendments in relation to other benefits: disregards

**Amendment of the Income Support (General) Regulations**

4.—(1) The Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(1) are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 9 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) after paragraph 73(2) add—

“74. Any early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”.

(3) In Schedule 10 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 66(3) add—

“67. Any early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”.

**Amendment of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations**

5.—(1) The Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(4) are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 6 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) after paragraph 69(5) add—

“70. Any early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”.

(3) In Schedule 7 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 59(6) add—

“60. Any early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”.

**Amendment of the State Pension Credit Regulations**

6.—(1) The State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(7) are amended as follows.

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- (1) [S.R. 1987 No. 459](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2004 No. 143](#) and [S.R. 2017 No. 219](#)  
(2) Paragraph 73 was omitted by regulation 2(3)(d) of [S.R. 2004 No. 143](#)  
(3) Paragraph 66 was inserted by regulation 2(5) of [S.R. 2017 No. 219](#)  
(4) [S.R. 1996 No. 198](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2004 No. 143](#) and [S.R. 2017 No. 219](#)  
(5) Paragraph 69 was omitted by regulation 4(3)(c) of [S.R. 2004 No. 143](#)  
(6) Paragraph 59 was added by regulation 3(5) of [S.R. 2017 No. 219](#)  
(7) [S.R. 2003 No. 28](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2016 No. 236](#)

(2) In regulation 15(1) (social security benefits which are not prescribed for the purposes of section 15(1)(e) of the State Pension Credit Act (Northern Ireland) 2002), after sub-paragraph (q) insert—

“(qa) early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018;”.

(3) In Schedule 5 (capital disregarded for the purpose of calculating income) after paragraph 20(2)(p)(8) add—

“(q) early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”.

### **Amendment of the Housing Benefit Regulations**

7.—(1) The Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(9) are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 6 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) after paragraph 65(10) insert—

“66. Any early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”.

(3) In Schedule 7 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 60(11) insert—

“61. Any early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”.

### **Amendment of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations**

8.—(1) The Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(12) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 27(1)(h) (“meaning of income”) after head (xva)(13) insert—

“(xvb) early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018;”.

(3) In Part 1 of Schedule 7 (capital to be disregarded generally) after paragraph 21(2)(n)(14) insert—

“(o) early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”.

### **Amendment of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations**

9.—(1) The Employment and Support Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(15) are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 8 (sums to be disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings) after paragraph 63(16) insert—

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(8) Paragraph 20(2)(p) was inserted by regulation 31(9)(a) of [S.R. 2016 No. 236](#)

(9) [S.R. 2006 No. 405](#)

(10) Paragraph 65 was inserted by Article 23(1)(a) of [S.R. 2017 No. 66](#)

(11) Paragraph 60 was added by regulation 6(5) of [S.R. 2017 No. 219](#)

(12) [S.R. 2006 No. 406](#)

(13) Head (xva) was inserted by Article 16(4)(c) of [S.R. 2015 No. 146](#)

(14) Paragraph (n) inserted by regulation 35(9) of [S.R. 2016 No. 236](#)

(15) [S.R. 2008 No. 280](#)

(16) Paragraph 63 was inserted by Article 25(4) of [S.R. 2017 No. 66](#)

“64. Any early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”

(3) In Schedule 9 (capital to be disregarded) after paragraph 57(17) insert—

“58. Any early years assistance given in accordance with section 32 of the Social Security (Scotland) Act 2018.”