
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 4

**The Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015
(Commencement No. 13 and Savings and Transitional
Provisions and Commencement No. 8 and Transitional
and Transitory Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019**

Amendment of the No. 8 Order: transitional provision preventing claims for housing benefit

5.—(1) The following amendments of Article 24 of the No. 8 Order⁽¹⁾ have effect from the day after the day of making of this Order.

(2) For paragraph (4)(a) substitute—

“(a) in the case of a claim for housing benefit, the claim is made by a member of a State Pension Credit Act couple who has reached the qualifying age for state pension credit, where the other member has not reached that age, and entitlement begins, or in the case of claims made in advance of entitlement is to begin—

(i) before 15th May 2019, or

(ii) on or after 15th May 2019 and one of the savings in the sub-paragraphs of Article 4(1) of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (Commencement No. 13 and Savings and Transitional Provisions and Commencement No. 8 and Transitional and Transitory Provisions (Amendment)) Order 2019 applies to that person and the saving has not ceased to have effect under Article 4(2) of that Order, and

entitlement to housing benefit is to be construed in accordance with Article 2 of that Order;”.

(3) In paragraph (3), at the end insert “or temporary accommodation”.

(4) In paragraph (11), after the definition of “Tax Credits Act couple” insert—

““temporary accommodation” means accommodation which falls within Case 1 or Case 2 under paragraph 4A of Schedule 1 to the Universal Credit Regulations;”.

(1) There are modifications to Article 24 none of which are relevant to this Order.