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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 354**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**The Financial Assistance (Coronavirus) (No. 2)  
(Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

*Made - - - - 23rd December 2020*

*Coming into operation 26th December 2020*

The Department of Finance<sup>(1)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(2) and 3 of the Financial Assistance Act (Northern Ireland) 2009<sup>(2)</sup>, makes the following Regulations.

The Department of Finance has been designated as a relevant Department under section 1(3)(a) of that Act.

The Regulations are made with the approval of the Executive Office.

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as The Financial Assistance (Coronavirus) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and come into operation on 26th December 2020.

**Amendments to the Coronavirus Financial Assistance No. 2 Scheme 2020**

**2.** In the Schedule to the Financial Assistance (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020<sup>(3)</sup>

- (a) for the definition of “bed and breakfast” substitute “means a bed and breakfast establishment for the purposes of paragraph 1(12) of Schedule 1 to the Coronavirus Regulations”;
- (b) for the definition of “guest house” substitute “means a guest house for the purposes of paragraph 1(12) of Schedule 1 to the Coronavirus Regulations”;
- (c) for the definition of “higher rate” substitute, “will be a payment of £1,600 for any 7 day period within a qualifying period, and a single payment of £229 for each day, within any period of less than 7 days, that may follow such a 7 day period.”;

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(1) The Department of Finance and Personnel was renamed the Department of Finance by section 1(4) of, and Schedule 1 to the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.5 (N.I.))

(2) 2009 c. 2

(3) S.R. 2020 No.230 as amended by S.R. 2020 No. 262

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- (d) for the definition of “lower rate” substitute, “will be a payment of £800 for any 7 day period within a qualifying period, and a single payment of £114 for each day, within any period of less than 7 days, that may follow such a 7 day period.”;
- (e) for the definition of “relevant business” substitute, “subject to paragraph 2(3)(b), means a business or service which was restricted or subject to closure as a result of regulations 4B, 4D, 4DA, 4DB or 4DE of, or paragraphs 1(4) to (10) and paragraph 1(12) of Schedule 1 to, the Coronavirus Regulations.”;
- (f) for the definition of “standard rate” substitute, “will be a payment of £1,200 for any 7 day period within a qualifying period, and a single payment of £171 for each day, within any period of less than 7 days, that may follow such a 7 day period.”;
- (g) for the definition of “qualifying period” substitute, “means an “active period” for the purposes of regulation 1(2) to the Coronavirus Regulations”;
- (h) in regulation 7 remove sub-paragraph (e).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 23rd December 2020.

(L.S.)

*Alan Brontë*  
A senior officer of the Department of Finance

Approved by the Executive Office

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Executive Office on 23rd December 2020.

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*Neill Jackson*  
A senior officer of the Executive Office

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Financial Assistance (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.

Regulation 1 provides for citation and commencement.

Regulation 2 provides amendments to the Coronavirus Financial Assistance scheme provided for by the Financial Assistance (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.

The amendments in regulation 2 serve to track the changes made to The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 by the Department of Health.