### STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2021 No. 94

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Financial Assistance (Coronavirus) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

Made - - - - 7th April 2021
Coming into operation 9th April 2021

The Department of Finance(1), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(2) and 3 of the Financial Assistance Act (Northern Ireland) 2009(2), 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) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 and come into operation on 9th April 2021.

#### 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(3)—
  - (a) In paragraph 1(2)—
    - (i) for the definition of "the Coronavirus Regulations" substitute—
      - ""the Coronavirus Regulations" means the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021(4);";
    - (ii) for the definition of "relevant business" substitute—
      - "relevant business" subject to paragraph 2(3)(b), means a business or service which was restricted or subject to closure as a result of regulations 4, 5, 8 or

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.))

<sup>(2) 2009</sup> c. 2 (N.I.)

<sup>(3)</sup> S.R. 2020 No.230 as amended by S.R. 2020 No. 262 and S.R. 2020 No. 354

<sup>(4)</sup> S.R. 2021 No. 93

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16 of, or paragraphs 1(4) to (10) and paragraph 1(12) of Schedule 1 to, the Coronavirus Regulations;";

- (b) in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 remove the words "within a designated district" where they appear;
- (c) in paragraph 7 remove sub-paragraph (e).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 7th April 2021.

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Approved by the Executive Office Sealed with the Official Seal of the Executive Office on 7th April 2021.

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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 minor 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 Covid-19 restrictions by the Department of Health, in particular as a result of the implementation of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021.