

---

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Housing Benefit (Executive Determinations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 to make changes to how and when the local housing allowance (“LHA”) is determined.

They provide that from and including 2014, the LHA will be determined on 15th January in each year when it is a Wednesday and on the first Wednesday following the 15th January in each year when it is not. They also amend those Regulations to provide that the LHA rate will be the lower of the rent at the 30th percentile of listed rents or the previous year’s LHA increased by one per cent, instead of the lower of the rent at the 30th percentile of listed rents or the previous LHA rate up-rated by the Consumer Prices Index inflation published in the previous September.