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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 34**

**The Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

**Service User amendments**

- 2.—(1) This regulation applies to the following provisions—
- (a) regulation 2(1B) (interpretation) of the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(1);
  - (b) regulation 1(2G) (citation, commencement and interpretation) of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(2);
  - (c) regulation 1(3A) (citation, commencement and interpretation) of the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(3);
  - (d) regulation 2(4A) (interpretation) of the Housing Benefit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(4);
  - (e) regulation 2(5A) (interpretation) of the Housing Benefit (Persons who have attained the qualifying age for state pension credit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006(5); and
  - (f) regulation 2(8) (interpretation) of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(6).
- (2) Each of the provisions specified in paragraph (1) (which define when a claimant is participating as a service user) are amended as follows—
- (a) after sub-paragraph (a) insert—
    - “(ab) a person who is being consulted by or on behalf of—
      - (i) the Department in relation to any of the Department’s functions in the field of social security or child support or under section 1 of the Employment and Training Act (Northern Ireland) 1950(7) (general functions of the Department as to employment and training for employment), or
      - (ii) a body which conducts research or undertakes monitoring for the purpose of planning or improving such functions,in their capacity as a person affected or potentially affected by the exercise of those functions or the carer of such a person; or”;
  - (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for “sub-paragraph (a)” substitute “sub-paragraphs (a) or (ab)”.

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(1) S.R. 1987 No. 459; regulation 2(1B) was inserted by regulation 2(2)(b) of S.R. 2014 No. 105  
(2) S.R. 1996 No. 198; regulation 1(2G) was inserted by regulation 4(2)(b) of S.R. 2014 No. 105  
(3) S.R. 2003 No. 28; regulation 1(3A) was inserted by regulation 5(2)(b) of S.R. 2014 No. 105  
(4) S.R. 2006 No. 405; regulation 2(4A) was inserted by regulation 6(2)(b) of S.R. 2014 No. 105  
(5) S.R. 2006 No. 406; regulation 2(4A) was inserted by regulation 7(2)(b) of S.R. 2014 No. 105  
(6) S.R. 2008 No. 280; regulation 2(8) was added by regulation 11(2)(b) of S.R. 2013 No. 246  
(7) 1950 c. 29 (N.I.); section 1 was amended by Article 3 of the Employment and Training (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/1087 (N.I. 10)) and Article 5 of the Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1990 (S.I. 1990/1200 (N.I. 8))

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