

*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland)
2007 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 27 June 2007*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

PART 1: Employment and support allowance

Entitlement

Section 6: Amount payable where claimant entitled to both forms of allowance

Section 6 provides for cases in which a person is entitled to both a contributory allowance and an income-related allowance. In this section the amount calculated in accordance with *section 2(1)* (amount of contributory allowance) is called the “personal rate”. If the person has no income and his personal rate is higher than his applicable amount (for the purposes of income-related allowance), he will get the personal rate. If the claimant has no income and his applicable amount exceeds his personal rate, he will get his personal rate, plus an additional amount of income-related allowance equal to the excess. If the person has an income, the amount payable will be the greater of his personal allowance and the amount by which his applicable amount exceeds his income.