



## 2009 CHAPTER 8

### *Social security information*

#### **Sharing of social security information**

9.—(1) If it appears to the Department for Social Development that the Department requires any relevant information for a relevant purpose, the Department for Social Development or a person providing services to that Department may provide that information to—

- (a) the Department, or
- (b) a person providing services to the Department.

(2) If it appears to the Department for Social Development that the Housing Executive requires any relevant information for a relevant purpose, the Department for Social Development or a person providing services to that Department may provide that information to—

- (a) the Housing Executive, or
- (b) a person providing services to the Housing Executive.

(3) In this section—

“relevant information” means information which—

- (a) relates to social security, and
- (b) is held by or available to the Department for Social Development or a person providing services to that Department;

“relevant purpose” means—

- (a) identifying persons who may be entitled to a relevant reduction or rebate;
- (b) encouraging or assisting persons to apply for or to claim a relevant reduction or rebate;

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- (c) advising persons in relation to an application or claim for a relevant reduction or rebate;
- (d) administering rebates under Article 31A of the principal Order or a relevant scheme;

“relevant reduction or rebate” means—

- (a) a reduction under Article 30A of the principal Order (rate relief in respect of dwellings), or
- (b) a rebate under Article 31A of the principal Order (rate rebates for certain hereditaments with special facilities for persons with a disability);

“relevant scheme” means a scheme made under Article 30A of the principal Order.

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