

**AGE-RELATED PAYMENTS  
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES**

*Article 4: Entitlement: basic cases*

Paragraphs (1) and (2) set out the conditions under which a single person is eligible for (1) a £100, or (2) a £50 payment. Paragraph (1) makes provision for £100 payments to a single person, who is the only qualifying person in the household or, regardless of who else is in the household, is in receipt of state pension credit. Paragraph (2) makes provision for a £50 payment to a single person, who is not receiving state pension credit, and who is living with another qualifying person. Paragraphs (3) and (4) set out the conditions under which a member of a couple is eligible for (3) a £100, or (4) a £50 payment. Paragraph (3) makes provision for £100 payments to a member of a couple when (a) the other member of the couple does not qualify for a payment or (b) either member of the couple is in receipt of an income-related benefit. Paragraph (4) provides for £50 payments to each member of a couple who both qualify for a payment, when neither of them is in receipt of state pension credit. Paragraph (5) contains definitions. Paragraph (6) makes the whole of Article 4 subject to the conditions set out in Article 5.