

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

S.I. 2004 No. 1987 (N.I. 11)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Article 6: Disqualifications

Paragraph (1) provides for the conditions under which individuals who would otherwise qualify for a payment will be disqualified from receiving a payment. These are (a) receiving free in-patient hospital treatment continuously for 52 weeks including the relevant week, (b) being held in custody throughout the relevant week and (c) being subject to immigration control throughout the relevant week.

Paragraph (3) provides for the disqualified member of a couple to be treated as not qualifying for a payment when determining the entitlement or otherwise of the other member of that couple.