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**The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment
No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Amendment of Schedule 1A to the principal Regulations

8. In Schedule 1A to the principal Regulations (Determinations of Rent Payable)⁽¹⁾ after paragraph 4 there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

“Single Room Rents

4A.—(1) The Executive shall determine a single room rent in accordance with the following formula—

$$S = \frac{H + L}{2}$$

where—

S is the single room rent;

H is the highest rent, in the Executive’s opinion, —

- (a) which a landlord might reasonably have been expected to obtain, at the relevant time, for an uncontrolled tenancy of a dwelling which meets the criteria in subparagraph (2), and
- (b) which is not an exceptionally high rent, and

L is the lowest rent, in the Executive’s opinion, —

- (a) which a landlord might reasonably have been expected to obtain, at the relevant time, for an uncontrolled tenancy of a dwelling which meets the criteria in subparagraph (2), and
- (b) which is not an exceptionally low rent.

(2) The criteria are—

- (a) that the dwelling under the uncontrolled tenancy is in the same locality as the dwelling and is in a reasonable state of repair;
- (b) that, under the uncontrolled tenancy, the tenant—
 - (i) has the exclusive use of one bedroom;
 - (ii) does not have the use of any other bedroom or room suitable for living in;
 - (iii) shares the use of a toilet, and
 - (iv) shares a kitchen or has no use of a kitchen, and
- (c) that the rent does not include any payment for board and attendance.

⁽¹⁾ Schedule 1A was inserted by regulation 15 of [S.R. 1996 No. 111](#)

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(3) Sub-paragraphs (3) and (5) of paragraph 4 apply when ascertaining H and L under this paragraph as if the reference in those sub-paragraphs to H and L were to H and L under this paragraph.”.