
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Health and Personal Social Services (Injury Benefits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Part IV

Review of Allowances and Miscellaneous

Offset for crime, negligence or fraud

16.—(1) If a loss to public funds occurs as a result of the criminal, negligent or fraudulent act or omission of a person to whom these Regulations apply, the Department may reduce any benefit under these Regulations payable to, or in respect of, that person by an amount equal to the loss.

(2) If the loss to public funds is equal to or greater than the value of the benefit under these Regulations payable to or in respect of the person, a reduction under paragraph (1) may result in the benefits ceasing to be payable.

(3) The Department shall give the person a certificate specifying the amount of the loss to public funds and of the reduction in benefits.

(4) If the amount of the loss is disputed, no reduction in benefits will be made until the person's obligation to make good the loss has become enforceable under the order of a court or arbitrator.

(5) Where the loss referred to in paragraph (1) is suffered by an employing authority, the amount of the reduction in benefits will be paid to the employing authority.