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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2010 No. 340**

**The Social Security (Housing Costs) (Standard Interest Rate) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Social Security (Housing Costs) (Standard Interest Rate) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation—

- (a) in any case where a relevant benefit is payable to a person in arrears in respect of a benefit week that includes 1st October 2010, on the first day of that benefit week;
- (b) in any case not falling within sub-paragraph (a) where a relevant benefit is payable to a person in respect of a benefit week that includes 1st October 2010, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that person on or after 1st October 2010;
- (c) in any other case, on 1st October 2010.

(3) In these Regulations—

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(1);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(2);

“the State Pension Credit Regulations” means the State Pension Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(3);

“the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations” means the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(4);

“benefit week” has the same meaning as in—

- (a) regulation 2(1)(5) (interpretation) of the Income Support Regulations, in relation to income support;
- (b) regulation 1(2)(6) (interpretation) of the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations, in relation to a jobseeker’s allowance;
- (c) regulation 1(2)(7) (interpretation) of the State Pension Credit Regulations, in relation to state pension credit;

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(1) S.R. 1987 No. 459; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1988 No. 318, S.R. 2004 No. 461, S.R. 2007 No. 475 and S.R. 2008 No. 503

(2) S.R. 1996 No. 198; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2004 No. 461, S.R. 2007 No. 475, S.R. 2008 No. 503 and S.R. 2009 No. 107

(3) S.R. 2003 No. 28; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2004 No. 461, S.R. 2007 No. 475, S.R. 2008 No. 503 and S.R. 2009 No. 409

(4) S.R. 2008 No. 280; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2008 No. 503

(5) The definition of “benefit week” was amended by regulation 2(a) of S.R. 1988 No. 318

(6) The definition of “benefit week” was substituted by regulation 3 of S.R. 2009 No. 107

(7) The definition of “benefit week” was substituted by regulation 3(2) of S.R. 2009 No. 409

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(d) regulation 2(1) (interpretation) of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations, in relation to an employment and support allowance;

“relevant benefit” means—

- (a) income support;
- (b) a jobseeker’s allowance;
- (c) state pension credit; or
- (d) an employment and support allowance.

(4) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954<sup>(8)</sup> shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.