
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Discretionary Support Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

PART 6

Awards and Payments

Payment of an award

23.—(1) Discretionary support is to be paid in accordance with an award as soon as is reasonably practicable after an award has been made and the claimant has agreed to the terms and conditions.

(2) Subject to the claimant satisfying the conditions in regulations 21 and 22 the Department may arrange for an award of discretionary support to be paid—

- (a) directly to the claimant by way of a transfer into an account held in the name of the claimant, or an account held jointly as a member of a couple;
- (b) to an account of a person appointed to act on behalf of the claimant; or
- (c) through the supply of goods or services directly to the claimant to the value of the award.

(3) Payment of an award shall be made to the claimant or person appointed to act on behalf of the claimant unless a discretionary support officer determines otherwise.