
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 44

**The Social Security (Housing Costs Amendments)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Amendment of the Employment and Support Allowance Regulations

4.—(1) The Employment and Support Allowance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008⁽¹⁾ are amended in accordance with paragraph (2), subject to regulation 6 (saving provision).

(2) In Schedule 6(2) (housing costs)—

- (a) in paragraph 1(2) (housing costs) omit the definition of “existing housing costs” and “new housing costs”;
- (b) omit paragraph 8 (existing housing costs);
- (c) in paragraph 9 (new housing costs)—
 - (i) for the heading substitute “Housing costs”,
 - (ii) in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) omit “new”, and
 - (iii) omit sub-paragraphs (4) to (7);
- (d) in paragraph 10 (general exclusions from paragraphs 8 and 9)—
 - (i) in the heading for “paragraphs 8 and 9” substitute “paragraph 9”, and
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (1) for “Paragraphs 8 and 9” substitute “Paragraph 9”;
- (e) in paragraph 11 (the calculation for loans) for “existing housing costs or, as the case may be, new housing costs” substitute “housing costs”;
- (f) in paragraph 12 (general provisions applying to new and existing housing costs)—
 - (i) in the heading omit “new and existing”, and
 - (ii) omit sub-paragraphs (1) and (2);
- (g) in paragraph 14(9) (excessive housing costs) for “paragraphs 8 and 9” substitute “paragraph 9”;
- (h) in paragraph 15 (linking rules)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (6)(a) omit “8(1) or”,
 - (ii) omit sub-paragraph (14)(a), and
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (18) omit “8(1)(a) or (b) or”;
- (i) in paragraph 20 (continuity with income support, an income-based jobseeker’s allowance or state pension credit) omit sub-paragraph (1)(a).

⁽¹⁾ [S.R. 2008 No. 280](#); relevant amending Regulations are [S.R. 2008 No. 503](#)

⁽²⁾ Schedule 6 was modified in relation to certain cases by regulation 11 of [S.R. 2008 No. 503](#); [S.R. 2008 No. 503](#) is revoked by regulation 5(1) of these Regulations subject to regulation 5(2) and regulation 6 (savings)