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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2017 No. 144**

**The Universal Credit Housing Costs (Executive Determinations)  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017**

**Amendment to the Universal Credit Housing Costs (Executive Determinations) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2016**

2.—(1) The Universal Credit Housing Costs (Executive Determinations) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016<sup>(1)</sup> are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 3 (broad rental market area determinations) after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) The power in paragraph (2) is not limited by paragraph 2(1A) or (1B) of Schedule 1.”

(3) In Schedule 1 (local housing allowance determinations)—

(a) in paragraph 2 (local housing allowance for category of dwelling in paragraph 1)—

(i) after sub-paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) For a broad rental market area not listed in column 1 in the table in paragraph 5 the local housing allowance for any category of dwelling is the lower of the amounts in sub-paragraphs (2)(a) and (b).

(1B) For a broad market area listed in column 1 of the table in paragraph 5, the local housing allowance—

(a) for a category of dwelling listed in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that table, is the lower of the amounts set out in sub-paragraph (2A) (a) and (b);

(b) for a category of dwelling not so listed, is the lower of the amounts set out in sub-paragraph (2)(a) and (b).”;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (2)—

(aa) for the words before paragraph (a) substitute “The amounts referred to in sub-paragraph (1A) and (1B)(b) are—”;

(bb) at the end of paragraph (a) for “or” substitute “and”;

(cc) in paragraph (b) omit “, where that rent is lower than the allowance referred to in head (a)”;

(iii) after sub-paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A) The amounts referred to in sub-paragraph (1B)(a) are—

(a) the local housing allowance determined for that category of dwelling on 30th January 2015, plus 3%; and

(b) the maximum local housing allowance listed in column (2) of the following table for the category of dwelling—

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Paragraph 1(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)      £1129.42

Paragraph 1(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use)      £1129.42

Paragraph 1(c) (two bedrooms)      £1310.13

Paragraph 1(d) (three bedrooms)      £1536.01

Paragraph 1(e) (four bedrooms)      £1807.07”

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(b) after paragraph 4 add—

“5. The table referred to in paragraph 2(1A) and (1B) is—

<i>(1) Broad rental market area</i>	<i>(2) Category of dwelling as defined in the following paragraphs of this Schedule</i>
BRMA1 – South	Paragraph 1(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)
BRMA1 – South	Paragraph 1(b) (one bedroom, exclusive use)
BRMA1 – South	Paragraph 1(e) (four bedrooms)
BRMA3 – Lough Neagh Lower	Paragraph 1(a) (one bedroom, shared accommodation)
BRMA6 – South East	Paragraph 1(e) (four bedrooms)
BRMA8 – Belfast	Paragraph 1(e) (four bedrooms)”

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