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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 116**

**The Census Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

- “the Act” means the Census Act (Northern Ireland) 1969;
- “the address register” means the register and any subset of the register, created by the Registrar General, which contains the address of each household and communal establishment in Northern Ireland of which the Registrar General is aware;
- “appointee” means any person appointed under regulation 5 or appointed by the Registrar General before the coming into force of these Regulations for the purposes of taking the census;
- “the census” means the census directed to be taken by the Census Order<sup>(1)</sup>;
- “census area” means an area created under regulation 4(3)(b);
- “census area manager” means a person appointed under regulation 5(1)(b);
- “census enumerator” means a person appointed under regulation 5(1)(d);
- “census team co-ordinator” means a person appointed under regulation 5(1)(c);
- “census team co-ordinator area” means an area created under regulation 4(3)(a);
- “census electronic device” means an electronic device used in the conduct of the census as provided for in regulation 8(2);
- “census officer” means an officer appointed under regulation 5(1);
- “the Census Order” means the Census Order (Northern Ireland) 2020;
- “communal establishment” means any establishment specified in Groups B to F of column 1 of Schedule 1 to the Census Order;
- “communal establishment area” means an area created under regulation 4(3)(c);
- “communal establishment co-ordinator” means a person appointed under regulation 5(1)(e);
- “communal establishment pack” means a pack containing the items specified in either regulation 10(5) or 11(5);
- “elector” means a prescribed person who elects to make an individual return under article 5(5) of the Census Order;
- “enumeration district” means a district created under regulation 4(2);
- “fieldwork management tool” means an electronic system that generates workloads for field staff, identifies the location of addresses that require visitation, specifies the required actions for the field staff and allows a record of a visit or other relevant information to be recorded;
- “individual return envelope” means an envelope in which a completed paper individual questionnaire may be sealed;

“online communal establishment pack” means a pack containing the items specified in regulation 10(5);

“online household pack” means a pack containing the items specified in regulation 10(3);

“online individual pack” means a pack containing the items specified in regulation 10(4);

“online questionnaire” means a questionnaire which is to be completed and submitted electronically;

“paper communal establishment pack” means a pack containing the items specified in regulation 11(5);

“paper household pack” means a pack containing the items specified in regulation 11(3);

“paper individual pack” means a pack containing the items specified in regulation 11(4);

“paper questionnaire” means a questionnaire in paper format;

“personal information” has the meaning given to the term “personal census information” by section 7(9) of the Act;

“prescribed person” as provided for in column (1) of the table in Schedule 1 of these Regulations, means a person required by the Census Order to make a return, or any person making a return on behalf of such a person in accordance with the Census Order;

“questionnaire” means any questionnaire in any format;

“questionnaire ID” means a unique identifier associated with each individual paper and online questionnaire;

“questionnaire tracking system” means such electronic system or systems as the Registrar General may provide under regulation 8(1);

“regional manager” means a person appointed under regulation 5(1)(a);

“Registrar General” means the Registrar General for Northern Ireland;

“pre-paid reply envelope” means an envelope which is pre-addressed and which does not require payment by the sender; and

“unique access code” refers to the group of codes which gives unique internet access to each particular online questionnaire;

(2) Terms defined in the Census Order have the same meaning in these Regulations.

(3) In these Regulations any reference to a notice, questionnaire or other information received by the Registrar General refers to it being received electronically, through the post or in person by the Registrar General or any appointee.

(4) In these Regulations a reference to a questionnaire where it is followed immediately by an identifying letter is a reference to the title of that questionnaire as referred to in Column 2 of the table in Schedule 1 and is in the form prescribed in Schedules 2, 3 and 4.