
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 53

The Social Security (Coronavirus) (Further Measures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Universal credit – minimum income floor

2.—(1) The Department may, where it appears expedient as a consequent of the outbreak of coronavirus disease, and in such cases or class of case, or for such period, as the Department determines—

- (a) treat the amount of the individual threshold or the couple threshold in regulation 63 ^{M1} (minimum income floor) of the Universal Credit Regulations as if it were a lesser amount (including zero);
- (b) where it falls to be determined whether a claimant is in gainful self-employment, delay that determination;
- (c) where it has been determined that a claimant is in gainful self-employment, treat that claimant as not being in gainful self-employment;
- (d) where a claimant is in a start-up period, extend that period for as long as the Department considers appropriate; or
- (e) in relation to any claimant who would otherwise fall within Article 27 of the Welfare Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2015 (all work-related requirements) as a result of this regulation, except that claimant from a work search requirement or a work availability requirement.

(2) In this regulation “start-up period” and “gainful self-employment” have the meanings given in regulations 64 and 65 respectively of the Universal Credit Regulations.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [Reg. 2](#) continued in part (with modifications) (temp.) (31.7.2021) by [The Universal Credit \(Coronavirus\) \(Restoration of the Minimum Income Floor\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/209\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2**
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Marginal Citations

- M1** [Regulation 63](#) was amended by regulation 3 of S.R. [2019 No. 173](#).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Social Security (Coronavirus) (Further Measures) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020, Section 2.