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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 584**

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

**The Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1997**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>4th March 1997</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>11th March 1997</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>7th April 1997</i>

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 123(1)(d), 130(2), 137(1) and 175(1) and (3) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, after consultation with organisations appearing to him to be representative of the authorities concerned<sup>(2)</sup> and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it<sup>(3)</sup>, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 7th April 1997.

**Amendment of regulation 51 of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987**

2. In regulation 51(2)(a) of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987<sup>(4)</sup> (eligible rent of students), after the words “income support” there shall be inserted the words “or an income-based jobseeker’s allowance”.

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(1) 1992 c. 4; section 137(1) is cited because of the meaning ascribed to the word “prescribed”.  
(2) See section 176(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).  
(3) See section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).  
(4) S.I.1987/1971 to which there are amendments which are not relevant to these Regulations.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

4th March 1997

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I.1987/1971) by providing that for the purpose of calculating the eligible rent of a student during the period of his study, the prescribed deductions shall not apply to a student who is on an income-based jobseeker's allowance (regulation 2).

These Regulations do not impose any costs on business.