

## SCHEDULE

### Capital disregards for lump sum payments of bereavement benefits

#### **Amendment of the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**14.** In Schedule 10 to the Universal Credit Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 (capital to be disregarded)(1)—

(a) after paragraph 18 insert—

“**18ZA.** A payment made within the past 12 months of widowed parent’s allowance—

(a) to the survivor of a cohabiting partnership (within the meaning in section 39A(7) of the Contributions and Benefits Act) who is entitled to a widowed parent’s allowance for a period before the Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2023 comes into force, and

(b) in respect of any period of time during the period ending with the day before the day the survivor makes the claim for widowed parent’s allowance.”;

(b) in paragraph 20—

(i) the existing text becomes sub-paragraph (1);

(ii) after that sub-paragraph insert—

“(2) Where bereavement support payment under section 29 of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (bereavement support payment) has been paid within the past 12 months to the survivor of a cohabiting partnership (within the meaning in section 29(6B) of the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015) in respect of a death occurring before the day the Bereavement Benefits (Remedial) Order 2023 comes into force, any amount of that payment which is—

(a) (i) in respect of the rate set out in regulation 3(1) of the Bereavement Support Payment (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 (rate of bereavement support payment), and

(ii) paid as a lump sum for more than one monthly recurrence of the day of the month on which their cohabiting partner died;

(b) in respect of the rate set out in regulation 3(2) of the Bereavement Support Payment (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019.”.

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(1) S.R. 2016 No. 216, amended by S.R. 2017 No. 66; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant to this Order.