
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Housing Renewal Grants Regulations 1996 (“the principal Regulations”) which set out the means test for determining the amount of renovation grant and disabled facilities grant which may be paid by local housing authorities to owner-occupier or tenant applicants under Chapter I of Part I of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996.

Most of these amendments are consequential on amendments to the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. [1987/1971](#)). There are also minor and drafting amendments.

Regulation 3 defines working families' tax credit and disabled person's tax credit, which replace family credit and disability working allowance respectively from 5th October 1999. Working families' tax credit and disabled person's tax credit were introduced by the Tax Credits Act 1999.

Regulation 4 changes the treatment of relevant child care charges in the means test to extend the relevant ages of children from twelve to fifteen, and to sixteen in the case of disabled children.

Regulations 6 and 7 amend the provisions relating to the sums to be disregarded in the determination of earnings and other income in Schedules 2 and 3 to the principal Regulations.