
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make further amendments to the National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) Regulations 1992 (“the Principal Regulations”).

The Principal Regulations concern the assessment of the ability of a person to pay for accommodation arranged by local authorities under Part 3 of the National Assistance Act 1948.

Regulation 2 amends the Principal Regulations to disregard personal independence payments and payments made under council tax reduction schemes from the calculation of income other than earnings in Schedule 3 for the purpose of assessing a person’s ability to pay for accommodation arranged by local authorities under Part 3 of the Act. A personal independence payment is a payment made under Part 4 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from Social Services Policy and Strategies Division, the Department for Health, Social Services and Children, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.