STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**2000 No. 249**

**HOUSING; RATES**

# The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

*Made . . . . . 1st August 2000*

*Coming into operation . . 25th August 2000*

The Department for Social Development, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1C), 165(1), (3) to (5) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the consent of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**c**) in so far as its consent is required, and after agreement by the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it(**d**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 25th August 2000.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**e**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

*Amendment of regulation 2B of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations*

**2.** In regulation 2B of the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**f**) (cases in which section 1(1A) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 is disapplied)—

(*a*) in paragraph (*a*) "or" shall be omitted;

(*b*) after paragraph (*b*) there shall be added the following—

(**a**) 1992 c. 8; subsection (1C) of section 1 was inserted by Article 18 of the Social Security Administration (Fraud) (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/1182) (N.I. 11))

(**b**) *See* Article 8(*b*) of, and Part II of Schedule 6 to, the Departments (Transfer and Assignment of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 481)

(**c**) *See* section 171(6A) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (1992 c. 7) as inserted by Article 3(3) of the Social Security (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (S.I. 1993/1579 (N.I. 8)); consent function transferred from the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland to the Department of Finance and Personnel; *see* Article 6(*b*) of, and Part II of Schedule 4 to, the Departments (Transfer and Assignment of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999

(**d**) *See* Section 150(1)(*b*) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

(**e**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

(**f**) S.R. 1987 No. 461; regulation 2B was inserted by regulation 2 of S.R. 1999 No. 372 and amended by regulation 3 of S.R. 2000 No. 1

"; or

(*c*) to a claim for a further grant of housing benefit made before 5th September 2000 under regulation 72(11) to (13) (time and manner in which claims are to be made).".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Social Development on 1st August 2000.

(L.S.) *John O'Neill*
Senior Officer of the Department for Social Development

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby consents to the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 2nd August 2000.

(L.S.) *Brian Delaney*
Senior Officer of the Department of Finance and Personnel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987.

Regulation 2 provides, in cases where a claim for a further grant of housing benefit is made or invited before 5th September 2000, an exemption from the requirements in respect of national insurance numbers imposed by section 1 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992.

These Regulations do not impose any charge on business.

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