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LANDLORD AND TENANT

The Rent Allowance Scheme (Statutory Particulars) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *7th September* 1978

Coming into operation . . . *1st October* 1978

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 60(5) and 74(1) of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Rent Allowance Scheme (Statutory Particulars) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1978.

Statutory particulars of a rent allowance scheme

2. The statutory particulars of a rent allowance scheme to be furnished as required by Article 60 of the Rent (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 are—

(*a*) a requirement that an application for an allowance shall be made by the completion of an application form obtainable from the local rating office of the Department of Finance and the return of the form to that office;

(*b*) a requirement that the information to be provided by the applicant on such form shall include:

(i) the address of the dwelling of which he is the tenant

(ii) the names of all persons normally resident in the dwelling

(iii) the relationship of each of such persons to the applicant

(iv) the rent payable for the dwelling

(v) the gross incomes of the applicant and his spouse from all sources;

(*c*) the information that an allowance is likely to be granted where the average income of the applicant and his spouse does not exceed or exceeds by only a small amount, the sum indicated in writing by the Department of the Environment as the amount to be allowed for the needs of the applicant, his spouse and dependent children.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 7th September 1978.

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Assistant Secretary

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport)

These regulations specify the particulars in relation to a rent allowance scheme which the Department of the Environment must furnish on request to the tenant or landlord of a dwelling and also which a landlord (other than the Northern Ireland Housing Executive or a registered housing association) must give to a tenant on granting a new tenancy on or after 1st October 1978 except in respect of the occupation of a dwelling for a holiday.

A landlord who refuses or wilfully neglects to give such information in the foregoing circumstances shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £400.